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PREFATORY NOTE.

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EGMORE,
20th January 1968.

P. K. NAMBIAR.
Curator, Madras Record Office.

LIST OF PAPERS RECEIVED FROM EUROPE 1756, ENTERED IN THIS BOOK.

No. 1	List of the Packet ℔	DELAWAR	CAPTAIN	THOMAS WINTER.
2	,,	SUFFOLK	,,	WILLIAM WILSON.
3	,,	STORMONT	,,	JOSIAH HINDERMAN.
4	,,	GODOLPHIN	,,	WILLM. HUTCHINSON.
5	,,	CARNARVON	,,	NORTON HUTCHINSON.
6	,,	MARLBRO'	,,	ALEX^R. MACELEOD.
7	,,	WALPOLE	,,	FRANCIS FOWLER.
8	,,	CHESTERFIELD	,,	EDWIN CARTER.
9	DUP. GENERAL LETTER	DODINGTON	,,	JAMES SAMSON da 26th Mch. 1755.
10	General Letter ..	DELAWAR		dated 10th October 1755.
11	Do. ..	MARLBRO'		,, 3rd DECEMBER.
12	Do. ..	C& CHINA SHIPS		,, 19 d°.
13	Do. ..	C& BAY SHIPS		,, 11 FEBRUARY 1756.
14	General Letter from Madeira	MARLBRO		,, 19 March.
15	Cy. to Port Marlbro	OXFORD Ts. STEVENS		,, 3rd Decem. 1755.
16	Manifest of Private Trease (sic)	DELAWAR.		
17	Do.	SUFFOLK.		
18	Do.	STORMONT.		
19	Do.	GODOLPHIN.		
20	Do.	CARNARVON.		
21	Do.	MARLBRO'.		
22	Do.	CHESTERFIELD.		
23	Do.	WALPOLE.		
24	Manifest of Private Trade	DELAWAR.		
25	Do.	SUFFOLK.		
26	Do.	STORMONT.		
27	Do.	GODOLPHIN.		
28	Do.			
29	Do.	MARLBRO.		
30	Do.	CHESTERFIELD.		
31	List of Investment			
32	List of Military	DELAWAR.		
33	Do.	STORMONT.		
34	Do.	GODOLPHIN.		
35	Do.	MARLBRO.		
36	Do.	CHESTERFIELD.		
37	Do	WALPOLE.		

38 List of Ships Arrival & Departure.

39 Account of Goods over & Wanting ℔ Ships arrived 175[5].

40 Account of Weight & Tower Assays of Coins recd. from Fort St. George.

41 List of Persons permitted to reside in India.

42 Copy of a Letter from the Mayors Court ℔ Norfolk.

43 Copy..............Sir Luke Schaub in relation to the Swiss Troops

44 Reqt. of Mrs. Elizabeth Savage wth the Report of the Com. of Accts.

45 Memorial of Tim. Tullie to the Court of Directors.

46 ....Joseph Hurlock.

47 Capt's-Com. to seize unlicensed Persons.

48 Compys. Indulgence.

49 Victualling Bill.

Memo. The Several papers reced ℔ Carnarvon which were saved from the Dodington's Wreck and enter'd in last year's Book.

Invoices Vide Accompts Office.

Acct. Coral Separate Books.

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

PUBLIC DESPATCHES FROM ENGLAND FOR THE YEAR 1755-56

Volume No 59.

No. 1.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP DELAWAR.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 10th October 1755.

2 Copy Companys additional Letter to Do. dated the 14th February 1755 sent ℔ Eastcourt & Duke of Dorset.

3 Duplicate Companys General Letter to Do. dated the 26th March 1755 sent ℔ Dodington.

4 Invoice of the Delawar for Fort St. George amounting to £85,923–16–7.

5 Bill of Loading of Do.

6 Abstract of the Dodington's Invoice for Fort St. George.

7 Second Bill of Loading of Do.

8 List of Ships sailed for India in 1754 and 1755 and of those arrived from thence in 1755.

9 Account of Coral for the Coast and Bay licensed to be shipped for Fort St. George on the Delawar to purchase Diamonds both signed by the Secretary.

10 Copy of the Delawar's Charterparty.

11 Copy of Captain Winter's Commission to seize Unlicensed Persons.

12 The Companys Indulgence.

13 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Delawar for Fort St. George.

14 Copy of the Delawar's Victualling Bill.

15 List of 31 Soldiers on board the Delawar for Fort St. George with an account of their Country, Age and Occupation.

16 Manifest of Private silver licensed to be shipped on board the Delawar for Fort St. George.

17 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governor for the time being of Fort St. George, wherein was enclosed a letter to the Governor and Select Committee there and one from the said Committee to the Governor for the time being of Fort William—To be received from the Captain—it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

18 Packet directed to the Honble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengal ℔ Delawar.

19 Packet directed to the Honb'le the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Bombay—Both to be forwarded by the first safe conveyance, also—

20 Patterns of Eighty Bales of Broad Cloth and 3 Bales of Long Ells for Bombay by way of Fort S^{t}. George ℔ Delawar.

No. 2.

List of the Companys Packet to Fort S^{t}. George by the Ship Suffolk.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort S^{t}. George, dated 19th Decem^{r}. 1755.

2 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^{t}. George by the Delawar under the 10th October 1755.

3 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^{t}. George of the 3rd December 1755 sent ℔ Marlborough.

4 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships going out in the year 1755, dated the 19th Decem^{r}. 1755.

5 Invoice of the Suffolk for Fort S^{t}. George amounting to £70,925–7–6.

6 Bill of Loading of D^{o}.

7 Abstract of the Godolphin's Invoice for Fort S^{t}. George.

8 Second Bill of Loading of D^{o}.

9 List of ships departure for and arrival from the East Indies in 1754 and 1755.

10 Account of Coral licens'd to be shipp'd on board the Suffolk for Fort S^{t}. George to purchase Diamonds.

11 List of Persons permitted to proceed to the East Indies, noting such as have given Bond not to be chargeable there. The three last sign'd by the Secretary.

12 Manifest of Gold on private account, licens'd to be shipp'd on board the Suffolk for Fort S^{t}. George.

13 Copy of the Suffolk's Charterparty.

14 Copy of Capt. Wilson's Instructions.

15 Copy of his Commission to seize unlicens'd persons.

16 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licens'd to be shipp'd on board the Suffolk.

17 Copy of the Suffolk's Victualling Bill.

NB.— The last five articles are to be sent in the packet from the Presidency to Messrs. Pigou, Lockwood, Peisley and Kinnersley Supra Cargos of the Caernarvon and Suffolk at Canton.

18 The Companys Indulgence.

19 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governor for the time being of Fort S^t. George—To be receiv'd from the Captain, it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

20 Account of the Weight and Tower Assays of Coins receiv'd in 1755 from Fort S^t. George, with some remarks on the coinage there.

21 Account of Goods Over and wanting by the ships arriv'd from Fort S^t. George in 1755.

22 The Kings speech with the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament in answer at the opening of the Session in Novr. 1755.

23 Packet directed to the Honble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort Williams in Benagl ℔ Suffolk.

To be forwarded by the first safe conveyance that offers, such as carry the packets for that Settlement ℔ Marlborough, Caernarvon and Stormont excepted.

24 Letter from Sir Luke Schaub to the Secretary dated the 18th Decem^r. 1755 relating to the Swiss Troops.

25 Invoice of Medicines for Fort S^t. George by the Suffolk and Godolphin, the value being included in the General Invoices by those ships.

26 Eight Almanacks for the years 1755—In the Box apart.

No. 3.

List of the Companys Packet to Fort S^t. George by the Stormont

No. 1. The Companys General Letter to Fort St George dated the 19^t December 1755.

2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^t. George ℔ Marlborough dated the 3^d of said December.

3 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^t. George dated 10th October 1755 sent ℔ Delawar.

4 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort Marlborough by the Oxford under the 3rd December 1755.

5 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships going out in the year 1755 dated the 19 Decr. 1755.

6 Invoice of the Stormont for Fort S^{t}. George amounting to £31,411-8-11.

7 Bill of Loading of D^{o}. wth. the Officer's Receipt for the Particulars excepted against.

8 Abstract of the Caernarvons Invoice for Fort S^{t}. George

9 Second Bill of Loading of D^{o}.

10 Abstract of the Oxfords Invoice for Fort Marlborough.

11 List of ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies in 1754 and 1755.

12 Account of Coral licensed to be shipped on board the Stormont to purchase Diamonds.

13 List of persons licensed to proceed to the East Indies distinguishing such as are under security not to become chargeable to the Company there.

14 Copy of a letter from Sir Luke Schaub dated the December 1755 relating to the Swiss Troops in the Company's Service—The four last attested by the Secretary.

15 Manifest of licensed Gold and Wrought plate shipp'd on board the Stormont for Fort S^{t}. George.

16 The Companys Indulgence.

17 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hon̄ble the Governor for the time being of Fort S^{t}. George ℔ Stormont—To be received from the Captain it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

18 Account of the Weight and Tower Assays of coins receiv'd in 1755 from Fort S^{t}. George with some observations on the coinage there.

19 Account of Goods Over and Wanting by the ships arrived from Fort S^{t}. George in 1755.

20 Account of the value of the Three Pounder Field Carriage with Limbers compleat and the powder prover sent last year ℔ Warren.

21 Copy of the Request of M^{rs}. Elizabeth Savage to the Court of Directors as to her Dec^{d}. Fathers credit on the Fort S^{t}. George and West Coast Books, with the Report of the Committee of Accounts thereon.

22 Copy of the memorial of Timothy Tullie Esqr. to the said Court in respect to the Estate of the late Cuddam Narrain.

23 The Kings speech with the addresses of both Houses thereon at the opening of the Session of Parliament in Novem^{r}. 1755.

24 Packet directed to the Hon̄ble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengal ℔ Stormont.

To be forwarded by the first safe conveyance that offers except the Marlborough and those which carry the packets ℔ Caernarvon and Suffolk.

25 Packet directed to the Honble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Bombay ℔ Stormont.

To be sent by the first safe Conveyance that offers except those which carry the packets ℔ Delawar or Caernarvon.

26 Eight Almanacks for the year 1756—in the Box apart.

27 Invoice of medicines for Fort S^t^. George ℔ Stormont—The value being included in the General Invoice.

Memorandum Messrs. Shore and Devisme are to produce the following copies of papers relating to the Stormont vizt.

The Charterparty, Captains Instructions and Commission for seizing unlicensed persons.

28 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipp'd on board the Stormont.

29 Copy of the Stormonts Victualling Bill—The Two last to be delivered to Messrs. Shore and Devisme on the ships Dispatch for China.

30 List of 1 Officer and 48 Soldiers on board the Stormont for Fort S^t^. George with an account of their Country, Age and Occupation.

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No. 4.

List of the Companys Packet to Fort S^T^. George by the Ship Godolphin.

No. 1 The Companys General letter to Fort S^t^. George dated the 19th December 1755.

2 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^t^. George dated the 3^d^ of said December sent ℔ Marlborough.

3 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^t^. George dated the 10th October 1755 sent by the Delawar.

4 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships going out in the year 1755 dated the 19th December 1755.

5 Invoice of the Godolphin for Fort S^t^. George amounting to £30,775–7–5.

6 Bill of Loading of D^o^.

7 Abstract of the Suffolk Invoice for Fort S^t^. George.

8 Second Bill of Loading of D^o^.

9 List of ships Departure for & Arrived from the East Indies in 175 [4] and 1755.

10 Account of Coral Emeralds and Pearls licenced to be shipped on board the Godolphin for Fort S^t^. George.

11 List of persons licenced to repair (?) to the East Indies wherein such as have given Bond not to be chargeable there are remarked, the Three last signed by the Secretary.

12 Manifest of Private Gold permitted to be shipped on board the Godolphin for Fort S^t^. George.

13 Manifest of Goods and Merchandizes licensed to be shipped on board the Godolphin.

14 Copy of the Godolphins Victualling Bill—The two last to be delivered to Messrs. Searle and Harrington on the ship's Dispatch for China.

15 The Companys Indulgence.

16 Letter from Sir Luke Schaub to the Secretary dated the 18th December 1755 relating to the Swiss Troops.

17 Invoice of medicines by the Suffolk and Godolphin for Fort S^t^. George the value being Included in the general Invoices by those ships.

18 List of 52 soldiers on board the Godolphin for Fort S^t^. George with an account of their Country, Age and Occupation.

Mem^o^. Messrs. Searle and Harrington if it's necessary are to produce to the Governor and Council the following copies of papers regarding the Godolphin vizt.

The Charterparty.

Captains Instructions.

Commission to him for seizing unlicenced persons.

19 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governor and the rest of the Select Committee at Fort S^t^. George ℔ Godolphin.

To be rec'd from Captain Hutchinson it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

No. 5.

List of the Companys Packet to Fort S^t^. George by the Ship Caernarvon.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort S^t^. George dated the 19th December 1755.

2 Duplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^t^. George by the Ship Marlborough dated the 3^d^ December 1755.

3 Triplicate of the Companys General letter to Fort S^t^. George by the Delawar dated the 10th October 1755.

4 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort Marlborough by the Oxford dated the 3rd December 1755.

5 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships going out in the year 1755 dated the 19th December 1755.

6 Invoice of the Caernarvon for Fort S^t^. George amounting to £ 69,798–10–10.

7 Bill of Loading of D^o^.

8 Abstract of the Stormont's Invoice for Fort S^t^. George.

9 Second Bill of Loading of D^o^.

10 Abstract of the Marlboroughs Invoice for Fort S^t^. George.

11 Second Bill of Loading of D^o^.

12 Abstract of the Oxford's Invoice for Fort Marlborough.

13 List of ships Departed for and Arrived from India in 1754 and 1755.

14 Account of Coral licenced to be shipped on board the Caernarvon for India to purchase Diamonds.

15 List of Persons licenced to proceed to the East Indies with an account of such as are under security not to become chargeable there.

The Three last signed by the Secretary.

16 Manifest of Licenced Gold on board the Caernarvon for Fort S^t^. George.

17 Copy of the Caernarvons Charterparty.

18 Copy of Captain Norton Hutchinson's Instructions.

19 Copy of his Commission to seize unlicenced Persons.

20 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licenced to be shipped on board the Caernarvon.

21 Copy of the Caernarvon's victualling Bill.

The last Five articles to be enclosed in the Packet by this ship to Messrs. Pigou, Lockwood, Peisley and Kinnersley Supra Cargos of the Caernarvon and Suffolk at Canton.

22 The Companys Indulgence.

23 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hon'ble the Governor for the time being of Fort S^t^. George ℘ Caernarvon-To be received from the Captain it being inclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

24 Account of the Weight and Tower Assay of Coins received from Fort S^t^. George in 1755 with some observations on the coinage there.

25 Account of Goods Over and Wanting by the ships arrived from Fort S^t^. George in 1755.

26 Account of the value of the Three Pounder Field Carriage with limbers compleat and the Powder Prover omitted in the Warren's Invoice.

27 The Companys Commission to John Brohier Esqre. appointing him Chief Engineer in the Presidency of Fort S^t^. George and its Dependancies dated the 18th December 1755.

28 The Companys Commission to Paul Philip Polier de Bottens Esqr. as Captain of a Company of Swiss in their Service dated the 20th November 1751—To be severally delivered to those Gentlemen.

29 Copy of the Request of Mrs. Elizabeth Savage to the Court of Directors in relation to her Deceased Father's Credit on the Fort St. George and Fort Marlborough General Books with the Report of the Committee of Accounts thereon.

30 Copy of the memorial of Timothy Tullie Esqr. to the Court of Directors regarding the Estate of Cuddam Narrain.

31 The Kings speech with the Addresses of both Houses thereon at the Opening of the Session of Parliament in November 1755.

32 Packet directed to the Hon'ble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengal ℔ Caernarvon.

33 Packet directed to the Honble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Bombay ℔ Caernarvon.

Both the last Packets are to be dispatched to the respective Presidencies by the first safe conveyances the ship Marlbrough and those excepted whereby the Packets sent by the Delawar or the Coast and China ships may be forwarded.

34 Acts of the Twenty-Eighth year of His Present Majesty George the second—in the Box apart.

35 Letter from Sir Luke Schaub to the Secretary dated the 18th December 1755 relating to the Swiss Troops.

36 Eight Almanacks for the year 1756 in the Box apart.

37 Invoice of Medicines for Fort St. George ℔ Caernarvon, the value being included in the General Invoice.

No. 6.

List of the Companys Packet to Fort St. George by the Ship Marlborough.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 3rd December 1755.

2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George by the Dodington dated the 26th March 1755.

3 Duplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George by the Delawar dated the 10th October 1755.

4 Invoice of the ship Marlborough for Fort St. George amounting to £ 30,834-5-4.

5 Bill of Loading of Do.

6 Abstract of the Delawar's Invoice for Fort S^t^. George.

7 Second Bill of Loading of D^o^.

8 List of ships sailed for India in 1754 and 1755 and of those arrived from thence in 1755 signed by the Secretary.

9 Copy of the Marlborough's Charterparty.

10 Copy of Captain Macleods Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.

11 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licenced to be shipped on board the Marlborough.

12 Copy of the Marlborough's Victualling Bill.

13 The Companys Indulgence.

14 Manifest of Private Silver licenced to be Shipped on board the Marlborough for Fort S^t^. George.

15 List of 66 soldiers on board the Marlborough for Fort S^t^. George with an account of their Country, Age and Occupation.

16 The Kings speech with the addresses of both Houses thereon at the opening of the Session of Parliament in November 1755.

No. 7.

List of the Company's Packet to Fort S^t^. George by the Ship Walpole.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort S^t^. George, dated 11th February 1756.

2 Invoice of the Walpole for Fort S^t^. George amounting to £24,039–9–8.

3 Bill of Loading of Ditto.

4 Abstract of the Chesterfields Invoice for Fort S^t^. George.

5 Second Bill of Loading of Ditto.

6 Invoice of the Walpole for Bengal amounting to £ 36,350–8–1.

7 Bill of Loading of Ditto—both to be forwarded with the Goods.

8 List of ships sailed for India since the last advices.

9 Account of Coral licensed to be shipp'd on the Chesterfield for Fort S^t^. George to purchase Diamonds.

10 List of Persons licenced to proceed to the East Indies distinguishing those engaged not to become chargeable there, the Three last signed by the Secretary.

11 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hon'ble the Governor for the time being of Fort S^{t}. George-To be received from Captain Fowler it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

12 Manifest of Private Silver licensed to be shipt on the Walpole for Fort S^{t}. George.

13 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipt on board the Walpole for the Coast and Bay.

14 Copy of the Walpole's Victualling Bill.

15 List of 1 Officer and 54 Soldiers on board the Walpole for Bengal with an account of their, Country Age and Occupation to be transmitted to Fort William with the Men.

16 Copy of a letter from the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam to the Court of Directors, dated 7th January 1755 Rec^{d} ℔ Norfolk.

17 Copy of the Memorial from M^{r}. Joseph Hurlock to the Court of Directors, dated the 11th July 1755 desiring payment of a Certificate from Fort Marlborough for £ 5,200.

No. 8.

List of the Companys Packet to Fort S^{T}. George by the Ship Chesterfield.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort S^{t}. George, dated the 11th February 1756.

2 Invoice of the Chesterfield for Fort S^{t}. George amounting to £ 23,913–2–9.

3 Bill of Loading of D^{o}.

4 Invoice of the Chesterfield for Bengal amounting to £ 36,637–3–5.

5 Bill of Loading of D^{o}. — both to be forwarded with the Goods.

6 Abstract of the Walpole's Invoice for Fort S^{t}. George.

7 Second Bill of Loading of D^{o}.

8 List of ships sailed for India since the last advices.

9 Account of Coral licensed to be shipped on the Chesterfield for Fort S^{t}. George to purchase Diamonds.

10 List of Persons licenced to proceed to the East Indies noting those under security not to become chargeable there — The three last signed by the Secretary.

11 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hon'ble the Governor for the time being of Fort S^{t}. George to be received from Captain Carter it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

12 Manifest of Private Gold licensed to be shipped on the Chesterfield for Fort S[t]. George.

13 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Chesterfield for the Coast and Bay.

14 Copy of the Chesterfield's Victualling [Bill].

15 List of officers & 43 soldiers on board the Chesterfield for Bengal with an Account of their Country, Age and Occpation to accompany the men for that Presidency.

16 The Companys Commission appointing James Kilpatrick Esq[re] Major of the Companys Garrisons and Forces in Bengal—to be delivered to that Gentleman.

17 Copy of the Letter dated the 7th Janry. 1755 from the Mayor's Court at Madraspatnam to the Court of Directors rec'd ℔ Norfolk.

18 Copy of Mr. Joseph Hurlock's Memorial to the Court of Directors, dated the 11th July 1755 desiring payment of a Certificate from Fort Marlborough for £. 5,200.

No. 9.

Our President and Council at Fort S[t]. George.

No. 1 By the ships of this season We have sent you our General Letters of the 29th November and 31st of January last, and a short letter of the 14th February following directing you to obey the orders of our Secret Committee in all matters relative to Military or Marine affairs, and whatever may concern Treatys or Agreements to be entered into for the advantage of His Majestys subjects in general or the Company in particular a Triplicate of the General Letter of the 31st January and a copy of that of the 14th February are now sent you by the Dodington, by which ship you will likewise receive this letter.

2 The Dragon Captain Henry Kent arrived at Spithead on the 14th Febry. with Dispatches from the West Coast of the 5th and 6th of April last, and some of an old Date from you, the Duplicates of which came to our Hands long since by other conveyances.

3 In our last General Letter of the 31st January We gave you a summary account of our Design in taking up the Dodington, and the Terms on which We freighted her, We now transmit to you the Charterparty Agreement between the Company and the owners to which therefore We refer you for further Particulars and expect your punctual observance of; But We must inform you, that We have paid to the owners the sum of one thousand seven hundred & fifty Pounds being one Moiety of the Freight agreed for, and have or shall pay to them likewise in England the amount of the Passage Money for Passengers and soldiers. You will observe if the said ship shall be detained at Fort S[t]. George and Bengal if ordered thither for delivering her Cargo more than Thirty Days in the whole at both Places, We are to pay Demorage, you must

therefore in case she proceeds to Bengal, forward the Charterparty and other necessary Papers on her, together with an account of what money you have paid to the Commander on account of the owners and other proper Informations for the adjusting and finishing their Account, you are to do the same to Bombay, if it shall happen that our Select Committee acquaints you it may be for the Interest of the Company to continue her in our Service for a voyage to that Presidency but wherever she proceeds to, you must recommend in the strongest Terms to the respective Presidents and Councils the taking sufficient security of the Purchaser of Purchasers of her in case of her being disposed of, that she shall not on any account or pretence whatsoever return to England again, or be sold to the French or any other European Nation.

4 The Dodington carrys a large quantity of Naval and victualling stores for the service of His Majesty's Squadron, as likewise cloathing and Necessarys for His Majestys Land Forces, all which you must take care are duly delivered to and accounted for by the proper officers, she also carrys about Two hundred soldiers, part of whom consists of a Detachment from the Royal Regiment of Artillery, being one Company of about one hundred and seven Men officers included, the remainder are Recruits for our own Troops, besides all which, sundry Goods are laden on the company's account for your Presidency, the Particulars of which will appear by the accompanying Invoice and Bill of Loading. We have likewise sent on her sundry particulars for Bengal, agreeable to an Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed in the Packet directed to you, which on her proceeding thither must be carefully forwarded.

5 Should the Dodington proceed to Bombay as before mentioned, you must take care to forward her Cargo intended for Bengal by the first safe conveyances, and if you or the Select Committee shall think it for the Interest of the Company to detain her for any particular purposes, or send her to any other Ports or Places than are mentioned in the Captain's Instructions or the Charter--party, the Captain is to follow all such orders as shall be given him accordingly, and you are to make or cause to be made a reasonable allowance to the owners as nearly adequate to the detention or service performed as possible.

6 You are immediately upon the arrival of the Dodington, to make a particular enquiry as to the Treatment the said Detachment of his Majesty's Artillery met with, and give us a faithful account thereof, as We are determined to shew a due Resentment for any ill usage of them, either from the Commander, officers or others, and We expect that you will do the same.

7 We have permitted the owners of the Dodington to ship to the value of fifty Pounds in Trading Guns shot and Hints for the Purchase of Refreshments at Madagascar in case of touching there, on condition of their not being used for that purpose, that they be delivered to you at Prime cost, you are therefore to Demand the same of the Commander accordingly, if you find they are not disposed of as before mentioned.

8 The ships Eastcourt and Duke of Dorset consigned to Fort S^{t}. George and Bengal sailed out of the Downes on the 17th of February and as the Wind continued fair long after their Departure, they must have made a very considerable Progress in their voyage.

9 His Majesty having been most graciously pleased to order a Detachment of Three Companys from his Royal Regiment of Artillery to Embark on the Bombay ships, and We having laden on them a large Train of Artillery, We have empowered the Committee of Secrecy to give Directions to the Commanders of the said Ships, Notwithstanding their consignment to Bombay, to proceed if the said Committee thinks it necessary directly to the Coast of Choromandel, to land the Military & Artillery, and then prosecute their voyage for Bombay, The orders given by the Committee in consequence hereof are not to be opened by the Commanders until they get into the Lattitude of six Degrees south.

10 You are to pay to the Surgeons of the ships on which His Majesty's Troops are embarked, the same Head Money as is usually allowed for their care of our own Recruits.

11 We find continual Difficultys arise on stating and settling the accounts of our returned shipping with the owners, as to that part of them which relates to Goods Damaged and Wanting, owing principally to the want of a due attention in describing the condition of the Packages and other Neglects in our servants abroad, you are therefore hereby, positively directed, in future to cause all Goods and Treasure to be surveyed, Weighed and told over in the Presence of the Captain or Purser as soon as it can be conveniently done after they are landed and you are to comply very carefully with the former orders we have given you for describing the condition of such Packages, in which there are any Goods Damaged or Wanting, and you are particularly to observe the orders given to your Presidency in the General letter of the 20th of March 1744 in regard to the manner of weighing Goods.

12 It is observed that you purchased of the Commanders of the ships Bombay Castle and Chesterfield in their late voyages some of their Charterparty Guns, Shot and other Military stores, without any where mentioning the Number or quantity of each, which was a Neglect, you must for the future therefore in case any thing of the like kind should happen again, send home in the Packets exact list of the Particulars and you must see that the Military Storekeeper does carefully enter on his journal the Names of the Persons of whom any stores are bought or to whom any are sold.

13 You will observe by the Accounts of Pieces Wanting and Over annually sent you and signed by our Warehouse keepers particularly those transmitted this season, That there are Pieces Wanting in many Bales, although the Package are entire and without any appearance of Plunder, also that there are many mistakes in Invoicing Piece Goods you must for the future give Directions that particular care be taken both in Invoicing and Packing all Goods, to prevent such mistakes and Deficiencys, for We now acquaint you, that in case any goods in future are received short of Invoice, the Person or Persons who sign the Ticket in the Bales will be charged with such Deficiency.

14 By the Dragon We received some musters of rupees & Pagodas coined at Fort S^{t}. George which We have caused to be weighed and Assays made of them at the Tower, an account whereof you will receive by this conveyance.

15 As We apprehend Indico will turn good account in England, if bought at a reasonable Price, and the quality of it is good, you are therefore directed to purchase about Ten tons of the best Lahore Indico if to be procured at your Presidency and send it to us by the first shipping.

16 Great Naval Preparations have been making in France for some time past, which has given so just an allarm to our administration and the Nation in general That a Fleet is fitting out with the greatest zeal and alacrity, sufficient to Protect the Honour of the Brittish Nation, what may be the consequence of these Armaments cannot be foreseen, but in all events, it will be absolutely necessary that you stand well upon your guard, until We can with some certainty give you further information.

17 Although We expect that our Three Presidencys at all times act in concert and with mutual Harmony, and give their Aid & Assistance and advice wherever and whenever it may be necessary for the common Interest of the Company, without confining their views to their respective Presidencys only, yet it is at this critical Time more immediately necessary, and therefore We most strongly enjoin your observance of it, and that you will give all due attention to the advices You may receive for those purposes from the Governours and Councils of our other Presidencys or the Governour, or any Select Committees constituted by us or by our Committee of Secrecy.

18 His Majesty having out of a tender regard for the Welfare of the Company in the present crisis most graciously assisted us with a Detachment from His Royal Regiment of Artillery of Four Company's, each Consisting according to the establishment of one hundred and seven men Commission and Non Commission Officers included, one of the said Companys is embarked on the Dodington, and the other Three on the Bombay ships, the manner those Companys are to be employed falling under the particular Notice of the Select Committee at your Presidency, We shall only say, that the said Company or Company's whenever they are within the jurisdiction of Fort S^t. George Presidency are to be accommodated and in all respects treated in the manner directed in our Letters last season with regard to His Majesty's Forces, which then proceeded to India, and all accounts of Moneys advanced, or stores or necessarys supplied them on the Governments account, are to be adjusted according to the Rules then laid down.

19 The said Companys are in His Majesty's Pay, but as that is not altogether equal to the Pay of our own Artillery Companys, to prevent the Discouragement that must be the consequence of an inequality, We have agreed to make good to them the difference on the Company's account, and that you may be informed how the said difference is to be adjusted, We have enclosed an exact account of the Pay allowed by the Government to the Officers and Private men of the said Four Companys.

20 The Brass Ordnance shipp'd on the Eastcourt and Duke of Dorset and now on the Dodington for Fort S^t. George consists in the whole of Two Twelve Pounders, Ten six Pounders and Four Howitzers of Five Inches and an half, with their appurtenances and several other Military stores, particularly mentioned in the said ships Invoices, The Train shipp'd on the Bombay ships consists of Twenty Eight Brass Field pieces, of which Four are Twelve Pounders

and Twenty Four Six Pounders, also Four Howitzers of Five Inches and half with their appurtenances and other stores, all which Artillery and stores are the property of the Company being purchased out of His Majesty's Stores.

21 As We think it right that the Establishment of our Artillery companys should be as near as possible conformable to His Majesty's, We therefore hereby order and direct that instead of the Establishment of the Two Companys on the Coast of Choromandel directed in our General Letter of the 15th Decemr. 1752. That each of the said Two Companys of Artillery be composed of the following Officers & Private Men, who are to be all Europeans, and with the Pay hereunder mentioned vizt.

A Captain at	Two hundred Pounds a year
One Captain Lieutenant	One hundred & nine Pounds Ten Shill^{gs}. D°.
One First Lieutenant	One hundred Pounds D°.
One Second Lieutenant	Ninety Pounds D°.
Three Lieutenant Fire workers ..	Three Shillings a Day each.
Three Serjeants	Two Shilling D°.
Three Corporals	One Shilling & Eight Pence D°.
Eight Bombardiers	One Shilling & six Pence D°.
Twenty Gunners	One Shilling & Four Pence D°.
Sixty Four Mattrosses	One Shilling D°.
Two Drummers	One Shilling D°.
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22 The Regulations and Rules laid down in our former Establishment of the 17th June 1748 are to continue in Force so far as is consistent with this New One.

23 The Pay to be allowed His Majesty's Artillery Companys on our account as mentioned in the 19th Paragraph is to be the difference between the above establishment and the Government Establishment.

24 We send you in the Dodington about......Recruits for the Military on our Fort S^{t}. George Establishment as ℔ the accompanying List.

25 We have likewise entertained Charles Hunton, Andrew Nesbitt, Gilbert Ironside, Ralph Headlam and Robert Campbell to serve as Cadets on our said Establishment, and to be preferred according to their Merit, the two first together with Robert Campbell come in the Dodington, and the other two take Passage on the Stretham one of the Bombay ships.

26 Besides the several Military Officers mentioned in our General Letter of the 29th November last, We have chosen Mr. Charles Prissick, Mr. Alexander Cameron and Mr. Aneas Sutherland to succeed in the order they are named to the first vacant Lieutenancys that shall happen after their arrival, immediately after those officers already appointed to the like stations shall have been

severally provided for, They are to commence Pay as Lieutenants on their arrival and as they are to receive Pay although there shall happen no immediate vacancys, they must be usefully employed until you have an opportunity of giving them commissions The said Three officers take their Passage on the Dodington.

27 In consideration of the eminent services Robert Clive Esq[r]. has rendered to the Company while in their Employ on the Coast of Choromandel, as well as the further advantages which we are satisfied will result from his being again engaged to serve the Company, we have Reinstated him upon our List of Covenant servants, and appointed him to be one of our Council upon the Fort S[t]. George Establishment in Rank next below George Pigot Esq. and to take his succession accordingly, if Mr. Saunders has resigned the Government, or when he does, in that case Mr. Pigot is to be Governour of Fort S[t]. George and Mr. Clive second in Council and Deputy Governor of Fort S[t]. David, and to succeed to the Government of Fort S[t]. George upon the Death or absence of Mr. Pigot, He takes his Passage on the Stretham one of the Bombay ships, for the Reasons which will be communicated by the Secret Committee to the Select Committee at Fort S[t]. George.

28 We have likewise in consideration of the Good Behaviour of Mr. Edmund Maskelyne, thought proper that he should return to his Rank in our Civil Service on the Fort S[t]. George Establishment, as soon as you think his service in our Military Employment can be dispensed with, and We direct that he take his Rank according to his original standing, in the same manner as if he had not engaged in the Military Service.

29 Since the Date of our last Letter the Dragon arrived from the West Coast of Sumatra, and brought us the Dispatches from the supervisors and Council at Fort Marlborough of the 5th & 6th of April 1754. Upon a Perusal of which We are too thoroughly convinced that our affairs there were in the utmost confusion, through the Gross Negligence & Dishonesty of our servants, The supervisors have laid before us their Proceedings without any aggravations, and We must in Justice to them, say, that they have hitherto discharged the Important Trust confided in them in its various Branches, not only to our satisfaction, but fully answerable to our Expectations. As you have and will be acquainted by them of their Proceedings from time to time, and as it is probable Mr. Walsh is returned to the Presidency and will Personally give you his sentiments upon Persons and Things, and as you are sufficiently empower'd by us to give all the necessary Directions for the good Government of our Settlement, by confirming what the supervisors have done, or varying and making such new Rules and Orders as shall be found necessary, We shall depend upon your care accordingly, and shall therefore have little occasion to say much at present, especially as the supervisors had not finished their business.

30 As We cannot properly determine upon the choice of a Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough or give Directions who shall be the members of Council at that Board, until the supervisors have entirely gone through their scrutiny, We shall leave it to you to take care of the Government of that Place, both with respect to the chair and the members of Council in the best manner you can until our further Pleasure is known ; in doing which, you must have the strictest Regard to the Integrity, Ability and Fitness of the several Persons to be employed without regard to Rank.

31 As the supervisors found upon an impartial Examination that Mr. Hindley had really given his predecessor a pecuniary Consideration for quitting his station as Deputy Governour, they did their Duty in Dismissing him from our service, they say indeed, that it does not appear to have been a purpose of his own, but that he was strongly urged to it by the late Mr. Charles Smith, who had an extraordinary Influence over him that is speaking of him as tenderly as the subject can admit of, but it is no extenuation with us, for if such an offence so clearly proved should be connived at the Company must lye at the Mercy of every designing agent in their service, and We are sorry to say it, there are too many of them upon the West Coast When the supervisors have finished their Enquirys, Mr. Hindley must be sent home to prevent his being a further Expence to the Company.

32 From the opinion We have long had of Mr. Combes, We own We are concerned as well as surprized to find he was Privy to the Corrupt Transaction between Mr. Hurlock and Mr. Hindley, without giving notice of it, the Reasons he has urged for not doing it at Fort Marlborough are unsatisfactory, and his not sending you an account of this Affair is without excuse, the only thing that can be said in extenuation of his conduct is that it does not appear he had any Pecuniary concern therein.

33 The supervisors have represented to you as well as the Negligence and misbehaviour of some of our Inferiour servants, We shall leave it to you to Dismiss, Suspend and send to England such of them as will not behave in a satisfactory manner for the future.

34 We shall send a supply of covenant servants to the West Coast next season, and We expect you will recommend it in the strongest Terms, to keep all our servants to the strict Discharge of their Duty, That they may not be at the Expence of maintaining so large a Number as Forty Two, which the supervisors think necessary for carrying on the Business there, an allotment which, as they expected it would, really surprizes us, and we hope upon fuller Information may be abated of.

35 In the course of the supervisors enquiry a series of unfair and dishonest Practices appear among many of our servants, and some of them Persons that We very little suspected, but as the supervisors have not gone through their Business, We chuse to make no further observations until We see the final Result of their enquirys, and your Resolutions and opinion upon the whole, especially as they have taken all necessary care to make the Defaulters refund their unjust Gains and to prevent such Practices in future.

36 We observe with great satisfaction the agreeable Prospect which the arrack and Sugar undertaking affords, you must give such orders from time to time as you shall think necessary for bringing it to Perfection.

37 It appears plainly that the great Decrease in the Pepper Investment has been almost entirely owing to the Negligence of our servants and We are satisfied, if the Regulations made by the supervisors, are strictly attended to, We shall find the Settlements upon the West Coast worthy our Notice, but here we must in Justice observe, that our supervisors have confirmed us in our good opinion of Mr. Roger Carter, to whose good management they impute the flourishing condition of Manna beyond all the Settlements upon the Coast, that Place alone yielding near one third of the Investment, and is still as they say capable of a larger product.

38 You must give us your Thoughts fully upon the utility of keeping Natal in the Companys Hands, when the supervisors have laid a Plan before you, which they mention to be preparing, but We cannot help observing, that they say it has not one Plantation of Pepper, nor were there ever any Grounds to hope for any, the only Inducements mentioned for retaining it are to prevent the Dutch setting Bounds to our Trade, and a Prospect of its becoming advantageous for taking off large quantitys of Iron, salt and ophium and may produce us a Revenue from Dutys laid on Goods Imported & Exported, these seem to be Distant views which you must examine with a careful eye.

39 When the supervisors have given you their particular sentiments upon the state of their Buildings, you are to give such Directions from time to time as shall appear to you to be necessary avoiding Works of Expence, without our express consent.

40 A very considerable Reduction We observe with great satisfaction is already made, by the good management of the supervisors in the charges of the West Coast, our Income by Revenues and sales are encreased, and will with care be more beneficial, Our servants are under better Regulations, many good Rules are made for the general economy of our Affairs both Civil and Military, and so far as the supervisors have hitherto proceeded meets with our approbation.

We are,
Your Loving Friends·

London 26th March 1755.

R. Drake.
Richd. Chauney.
W. Mabbott.
M. Imper.
N. Newnham Junr.
John Payne.
Whichcott Turner.
Thos. Phipps.
W. Willy.
Bob Jones.
Stephen Law.
John Boyd.
Will Bauvell.
Dacutts (Sic).
H. Krabb Boulton.
Cha Gough.

No. 10.

Our President and Council at Fort St. George

No. 1 Our Principal view in Dispatching this Ship the Delawar so early, is to Inform you that Hostilitys are commenced between the British and French Nations in America, That a great number of French ships, have been already

and are continued to be taken, in Europe by our Men of War, but none of them have been yet condemned, nor have Commissions been issued for Privateers, or any Letters of Mart granted here. There is no account that the French have issued Letters of Mart or Reprizals, or have they taken any British ships, that we know off, except the Blandford Man of War, of Twenty Guns which has been since restored by order of the Court of France, as yet there has been no Declaration of War, made by either nation, We are likewise to inform you, that we have heard nothing from the French East India Company, relative to the Provisional Treaty and Truce made by Mr. Saunders on our part, and Mr. Godeheu on the part of the French, in December last, for restoring Tranquility on the Coast of Choromandel, although we delivered the said Treatys to the French Companys Commissary then in England, so long ago, as the beginning of July last, upon Mr. Saunders's arrival in the Norfolk; This being the situation of affairs, you must be strongly on your guard and in constant readyness to defend our Estate, Rights and Privileges, in all Events, you are to Watch all the Motions of the French, and Act Defencively only, unless they shall be guilty of the Breach of the Stipulations in the said Provisional Treaty and Truce to our Prejudice, or that of the Indian Powers, in alliance with us, in such case you are to act, as shall appear to be most conducive to the Companys Interest and we most earnestly recommend it to you, to have your attention upon keeping the Fortifications, in the best condition you are able, and in particular that the Works at Fort S^{t}. George be put in as Defensible a Posture, as the nature of them, will at present admit.

2 The several Letters, we write to you last season were Dated as follow, vizt, the 29th of November 1754, the 31st of January, the 14th of February, the 26th of March, and the 16th of April 1755 all which we hope, came safe to your hands, as likewise the several Packets and Letters from our Secret Committee to the President and Select Committee, which went by the same conveyance as our said General Letters.

3 The accompanying List, will inform you, of the times our several ships, of last season, Proceeded on their respective voyages, as likewise of the happy arrival of all those with us, since we sent you the last accounts.

4 We are next to acknowledge the Receipt of your General Letters of the 10th of November 1754, the 12th of January 1755 by the Norfolk and the 10th of March following by the Winchelsea, the said ships likewise brought us Letters from the Committee for country Government affairs Dated the 10th November 1754 and the 8th March 1755 also Letters from Colonel Laurence Mr. Brohier, the Mayors Court and others.

5 The ships taken up for the Companys Service this Season are as follows vizt.

Ships.	*Tons.*	*Commanders.*	*Consignment.*
Harcourt ..	499	William Webber ..	For China directly.
Griffin ..	499	Thomas Dethick ..	S^{t}. Helena & Limpao in China.
Caernarvon ..	499	Norton Hutchinson	Fort S^{t}. George and China.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Consignment.
STORMONT	499	JOSIAH HINDMAN	FORT S^T. GEORGE AND CHINA
SUFFOLK	499	WILLIAM WILSON	
GODOLPHIN	499	WILLIAM HUTCHINSON	
OXFORD	499	THOMAS STEVENS	S^T. HELENA AND BENCOOLEN
CHESTERFIELD	499	EDWIN CARTER	COAST AND BAY
WALPOLE	499	FRANCIS FOWLER	
DELAWAR	425	THOMAS WINTER	
MARLBOROUGH	499	ALEXANDER M^C CLEOD	
HECTOR	499	JOHN WILLIAMS	PERSIA AND BOMBAY
CLINTON	499	JOHN NANFAN	BOMBAY
ROYAL DUKE	499	GEORGE CUMING	
PORTFIELD	400	CARTERET LEGEYT	

6 All orders, Directions and Instructions which shall be given by the Secret Committee for the time being must be strictly attended to and carried into execution by the Select Committee, the Governor or whoever else they are Directed to, The Gentlemen who compose that Committee the Present season are Roger Drake, Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow, John Payne and Jones Raymond Esquires.

7 The several setts of supra cargoes whom we have appointed to conduct our affairs in China this season are as follows vizt.

For the Ships Stormont and Godolphin Messrs. Thomas Shore, John Searle, Stephen Devisme and Joseph Harrington.

For the Harcourt to be Dispatched from hence and the Houghton expected from the Malabar Coast Messrs. Edward Phipps Richard Wood Robert Mackett and John Hull.

For the Caernarvon and Suffolk Messrs. Frederick Pigou Thomas Lockwood, Richard Peisley and Francis Kinnersley who are now in China.

For the Ship Griffin Stationed for Limpao Messrs. Thomas Fitzhugh, James Flint both now in China and Benjamin Torin who proceeds from hence, but if it happens that the said ship does not proceed to Limpao but shall be under the necessity of Loading home from Canton in such case the supra Cargoes are to be Messrs. Phipps, Harrington Devisme and Torin.

For such ship or ships as shall or may arrive at Canton in the year 1756 Destitute of Supra Cargoes Messrs. Shore, Phipps, Wood, Searle Mackett Harrington Devisme and Hull.

8 You will observe that we have made no Disposition for the continuance of any supra Cargoes in China for the year 1757. We have for good Reasons dropt the Practice we have lately fallen into of continuing a sett the year round (for the present at least) and We have ordered Messrs. Phipps Wood, Mackett and Hull to dispose of the whole Woollen consignment intended for Canton this season which all goes directly thither by the Harcourt.

9 The Griffin for Saint Helena and Limpao, and the Delawar for Fort St. George, are now under Dispatch, the Harcourt as above mentioned directly for Canton, the Stormont and Godolphin with the Caernarvon and Suffolk for Fort St. George and China also the Marlborough for Madeira, Fort St. George and Bengal, likewise the Oxford for Saint Helena, and the West Coast, will proceed on their voyages the beginning of December, The Chesterfield and Walpole for Fort St. George and Bengal, will follow the beginning of February and the Bombay ships about the usual time. This is the Disposition of our shipping at present, it may be altered or Deviated from, as circumstances require, and the several Commanders will be accordingly, under such orders and directions from the Secret Committee as shall be judged necessary, as well for the security of the ships, and cargoes as any services they may render the Company in the course of the voyage.

10 The Delawar goes consigned to you, with a cargo of Treasure, Goods, Merchandize and stores, according to the accompanying Invoice, she likewise carrys about Thirty Recruits for our own Forces, as ⅌ the enclosed List, as much of the Treasure as can be possibly spaired; must be sent by the first safe conveyance to Bengal to forward the Investment there, an object of the greatest importance to the Company.

11 As in all probability the Delawar will be with you very early in the season, you must either yourselves, or in concert with our Presidency, at Fort William, employ her usefully until the proper time of her being returned home, from either of our Presidencys as shall be judged most, for the companys Interest.

12 You will observe that Four of the ships Designed for China are first to call upon the Coast of Choromandel, they will bring you the usual and all necessary consignments which being delivered they will proceed on their voyage almost empty unless you can procure Redwood or any other articles to be Laden on them proper for the Canton Market, We therefore give you this previous notice that you may be making a provision of Cargoes for them (if to be done) against their arrival that they may not be detained an hour longer at Fort St. George than shall be absolutely necessary and you are to take notice that the Redwood proper for the China market is to be the largest sticks you can procure.

13 We shall not order any ship to call upon the West Coast to take in Pepper for China as was done last year in respect to the Prince George you are therefore to concert proper measures with the President and Council of Fort William for sending a ship thither to bring to England the surplus Pepper remaining after the annual store ship is provided for, We give you this early notice that the ship to be employed on this service may compleat her Business in time to prevent the Danger of a Loss of Passage home.

14 The Governor and Council at Saint Helena are in great Want of Hands to carry on and compleat the Works necessary to render that Island Defencible against all attacks of the Enemy, you must therefore send them as soon as possible the coffrees, We have already at their Request sent Directions for and which you have assured us you would comply with.

15 The next ships will bring Recruits for His Majestys Forces and as many for our own as they can conveniently carry.

16 It may be of service for the more expeditious Disposal of the Woollen Goods on hand at Fort S^t^. George to give you this early notice that We shall not send any this season to your Presidency, and that We shall not exceed the number of Two hundred and five Bales Broadcloth and sixteen Bales of Longells to Bengal, Eight Hundred and sixty Bales of cloth and one hundred and fifty-three Bales of Longells to Bombay, besides complying with the Presia Indent for about Five hundred and sixty Bales of cloth and Five hundred Bales of Longells which last named article consists of Ten Pieces only to the Bale, We hope you will make the best use of this Information.

17 We have laden on this ship the Delawar Eighty Bales of cloth and Three Bales of Longells the remains of our Provision for Bombay, which could not be sent for want of room last season, you must therefore forward the said Bales to our President and Council of Bombay by the first safe conveyance that offers.

18 As We cannot by this conveyance send you any particular Directions with regard to the Investment to be made on the Coast of Choromandel, We can only recommend it to you to proceed upon the Plan of the List sent you last season, having a due regard to the number of ships to be provided for at yours and Fort William Presidency.

19 Having given permission for the Landing some corral on this ship, as will appear by the accompanying account, it is necessary you should be acquainted, that the Freighters of silver corral and other Licensed Trade, do agree as usual that if any ship or ships of this season, on which such articles are Laden shall proceed to Bengal without touching at Fort S^t^. George, or on the other hand arrive at Fort S^t^. George and do not proceed to Bengal, That the President and Council at either Place may forward the same agreeable to the original consignment, on any of our European ships at the Risque of the said Freighters, but without any further charge to them.

We are,

London 10th. October 1755.

Your Loving Friends,

R. Drake.
P. Godfrey.
John Payne.
Nath Newnham Junr.
Henry Plant.
Whichcott Turner.
John Boyd.
L. Sullivan.
Bob. Jones.
John Dorbien.
Hen^y^. Savage.
Charles Chambers.
Timothy Tullie.
Maseim Western.

No. 11.

Our President and Council at Fort S^T. George.

1. We writ you a short Letter by the Delawar the 10th of October a Duplicate whereof you will receive by this conveyance, that ship in Company with the Griffin did not leave Spithead until the last day of that Month, having been retarded so long by contrary Winds, waiting for convoy and other unavoidable incidents.

2. We intended to have dispatched the ships Caernarvon, Stormont, Suffolk and Godolphin at this time in Company with the Marlborough, but they not being quite ready to proceed We have thought it best to send away the latter immediately, as she is to call at Madeira to take in the annual supply of Wine for our Settlements. The other Four notwithstanding We make no doubt will arrive with you a considerable time before the Marlborough, and therefore We shall send our General advices to you by those ships.

3. This ship the Marlborough brings One hundred Tons of Lead, One hundred Tons of Iron some other particulars and Thirty Chests of Treasure, all consigned to you as by the Invoice and Bill of Lading in the Packet.

4. Our Correspondents at Madeira are to consign to you on this ship one hundred and fifty Pipes of Wine, and to our President and Council at Fort William the like quantity out of which latter We shall indulge you to detain Fifty Pipes and no more, as We have done for some time past provided you are really in want of it and not otherwise, you must continue to have careful surveys made on the said Wines as well on board as ashore, That We may judge whether We suffer either by our correspondents at Madeira or by any Embezzlements or Carelessness in the People of the ship, that We may take the necessary measures for obtaining satisfaction accordingly.

5. Should the Commander and ships Company exceed the Twenty Pipes We have indulged them to carry, the surplus must be deemed Illicit Trade and proceeded against agreeable to our repeated Directions.

6. We have taken such Notice to our Correspondents of the deficiency in the size of the Casks you received by the St. George as We believe will leave you no reason to make any complaint of this kind again, The President and Council at Fort William complained of the quality of the Parcel they received by the same ship, of which likewise due Notice has been taken to our said Correspondents.

7. We must leave it to your Discretion either to send the Marlborough immediately to Bengal with the Wine and such consignments as you may have for that Presidency or forward them by any other safe conveyances, whether it will be best to return this ship to us from one or the other Presidency, you in concert with our servants in Bengal must determine according to circumstances, but this We must remind you of, that the earliest and safest opportunitys must be embraced to forward thither all the Treasure you can possibly spare in Bullion or Rupees according to the Notices you have or shall receive from the President and Council there.

8. We have complyed with your pressing Instances for a further supply of covenant servants and have accordingly appointed the following Writers for the service of your Presidency who all take their Passage on this ship Vizt. James Hay, Alexander Leigh, John Crawfurd, Henry Parsons, Thomas Lane, Thomas Hamilton, William Stevenson, James Taylor and Richard Fitzpatrick. They are to Rank in the order they are Named.

9. This ship likewise brings you about seventy Recruits for the Companys Forces upon the Coast of Choromandel.

10. In our Letter by the Delawar, We gave you a general view of the situation of affairs between the British and French Nations, We have only to add thereto that Hostilities are carried on, with vigour, in America, That our Men of War in Europe take all the French ships they meet with, of which great numbers now lay in the several Ports of His Majesty's Dominions, but none are yet condemned, No Declaration of War is made by either Nation, No Commissions for Privateers or Letters of Marque have been issued or granted here, and so far from any being Issued by the French Court, all British Merchant ships are suffered to go in and out of their Ports without molestation, however the French continue to exert themselves in encreasing, with the utmost Diligence both their Land and Sea Armaments, and have drawn down a great Number of their Forces to their Coasts, and, it is generally believed, are meditating some Grand Effort, on the other hand the most vigorous measures are taken in England, to be prepared against all attempts, and it is with great pleasure the whole Nation sees the Parliament most heartily concurs therein with His Majesty, this being the present situation, you must carefully observe the Directions We gave in our before mentioned Letter by the Delawar, to stand well upon your Guard, that you may baffle any attempts, which may be made by the French, upon our Estate, Rights and Privileges.

We are,
Your Loving Friends,

London 3rd. December 1755.

R. DRAKE.
P. GODFREY.
JOHN PAYNE.
NATH. NEWNHAM JUNR.
R. BOOTLE.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
THOS. PHIPPS.
THOS. ROUS.
H. KRABB BOULTIN.
HENRY PLANT.
BOB JONES.
HENRY SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
JOHN MARSHIP.
CHAS GOUGH.
JOHN DORREIEN.
LAU SULIVAN.
MASEIM WESTERN.
CHRISTR. BURROW.

No. 12.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

1. We sent you a short Letter by the Delawar dated the 10th of October last, intended principally to inform you of the then situation of affairs between the British and French Nations, as likewise to acknowledge the receipt of your several Advices this season, and to acquaint you with the ships taken into the service of the Company for the several parts of India, their Destination, and other general Informations, We writ to you again by the Marlborough under date of the 3d December, Duplicates Triplicates, or Copys of both which Letters are forwarded by the several ships bound to your Presidency this season We shall proceed in our Advices, observations and Command in the usual method and.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

2. The Delawar, in Company with the Griffin, sailed from Spithead on the 31st of October, and were left in safety by their Convoy on the 14th of November, in the Latitude of Forty one Degrees North.

3. The Commanders of the ships Marlborough for the Island of Madeira Fort St. George and Bengal, Oxford for St. Helena and the West Coast of Sumatra, and the Harcourt directly for China, had their final Dispatches from hence on the 6th Instant, for the time of their leaving England, we refer you to the accompanying List of the arrival and departure of our shipping in general.

4. By the Marlborough we sent you the necessary Directions with regard to the consignments of Wine from Madeira to you, and our Presidency at Fort William, to which therefore we refer, and shall only repeat what we said in that Letter, that we must leave it to your discretion, either to send the Marlborough immediately after her arrival to Bengal, with the Wine and such Treasure and other consignments, as you may have ready for that Presidency or forward them by any other safe conveyances, whether it will be best to return her to us from one or the other Presidency, or to be partly laden by both, you, in concert with the President and Council at Fort William, must determine according to Circumstances.

5. You will receive this Letter by the Caernarvon, Sormont, Suffolk and Godolphin which ships, after landing the Recruits for his Majesty's and our own Forces, also their respective cargos consigned to Fort St. George, are to proceed to China, and as their early arrival at Canton is so obvious an advantage to the Company, we shall depend upon your unloading them with the utmost expedition, and that you will use the same diligence in loanding the Redwood, or any other articles proper for that market, of which we gave you previous notice in our Letter by the Delawar, such Redwood or other Articles must be consigned to the Supra-Cargos in the Commission for the respective ships on which you load them, and you are to receive out of the Treasure Consigned to Canton, the amount thereof, but no more on any pretence whatsoever, you are then to give each Commander orders to make the best of his way to Canton, agreeable to his Instructions from us, the Secret Committee, and from our Governour of Fort St. George.

6. We had rather forego any advantages which may arise from the Red-wood and other articles mentioned in the preceding Paragraph, than have the ships detained for them a day extraordinary, therefore, if you have them not in readiness, you must dispatch the ships without loss of time.

7. Give the Supra Cargoes and Commanders of those ships all necessary assistance, and communicate to them such Intelligence, and advice, as may be thought expedient in the present dangerous situation.

8. The Chesterfield and Walpole will be dispatched, as you have been before adviced, the beginning of February, the Cargoes of which ships are to be principally, if not entirely, consigned to our President & Council at Fort William.

9. As we conclude the Britannia and Kent will be loaded home from China, and the Anson and London will, according to the accounts we have lately received from the Mallabar Coast, be in all probability returned to us from thence, with full ladings of Pepper neither you, nor our Presidency in Bengal, will have any ships of former seasons on your hands, and if that should be the case, The Four ships bound this season for the Coast and Bay viz[t]. The Delawar, Marlborough, Chesterfield and Walpole will be but barely sufficient to bring to England the Investments, which in all probability will be ready for them, under such a circumstance, we must leave it to your discretion, in concert with the President and Council at Fort William, to proportion the lading of each ship, as nearly equal to their Burthens as may be, as well in point of value, as Tonnage and load as many Goods on each Ship, over and above the Charter-party Tonnage, as she can conveniently take in, without being pestered or rendered incapable of defending herself in case of an attack at Sea, observing if there is not Tonnage sufficient for the whole of the Investments provided at both Presidencys, that so much of the coarser sort of them, must be reserved for the following season, as will have room in the ships for the more valuable sortments.

10. Concluding from what has been before observed, That no ship can be spared to be sent either from Fort S[t]. George or Bengal to the West Coast of Sumatra, to take any Pepper there the ensuing year, we have ordered Our servants at Fort Marlborough to load for England, on the Oxford, as much Pepper over and above her Charterparty Tonnage as she can possibly take in, and to give you notice by the first conveyance that offers, of the quantity they shall have remaining and what they have reason further to expect, after fully loading the Oxford, that such surplus Pepper may be disposed of in such manner as you shall think best either to be sent to England (if contrary to expectations a conveyance offers) To be reserved in their Godowns for the following years shipping or be forwarded to you, if there is an opportunity for it, we shall depend upon yours seriously considering this circumstance, and giving the necessary orders to our servants at Fort Marlborough accordingly.

11. If there shall be a considerable quantity of Goods provided by you and the President and Council in Bengal more than sufficient for full Loadings for the ships on your respective hands, and if our own ship the Dragon shall happen to be at either Presidency, or can arrive from Bombay in a proper season to be sent to England, we would have her loaded from Fort S[t] George or Bengal or both Presidencys with such surplus Investments, and consigned therewith to us accordingly, taking care that she is properly Manned and fitted for the Voyage.

12. The Ships Hardwicke and Dodington were Freighted by us for Voyages to India only, as you have been already fully informed, They are now the Property of Particular Persons, who have leave to employ or dispose of them there, if you, and our Presidency in Bengal, shall have very pressing occasion for further Tonnage, and either of those ships can be procured, and properly Fitted and manned for Europe in a seasonable time, we do empower either Presidency to agree with the owners, upon the best terms you can, and take up either ship on Freight for a Voyage to England with such a cargo, as shall be thought proper to be consigned to us on her, and in case of such an Event, all necessary care must be taken to settle the agreement as nearly conformable to the usual Terms of the Charterparties of our Freighted ships, as circumstances will admit of, you are to look upon these directions as an expedient only, in case it shall be absolutely necessary to send home another ship, and not otherwise to be made use of.

13. Being desirous of having as large quantity of Salt Petre brought home in the ships which proceed to India this season, you are to load on each ship as much as she can conveniently carry, over and above the Kintlage proportion, and likewise over and above the Charterparty Tonnage, provided it does not interfere with your sending us the more necessary and valuable part of your Investment, and provided the Commander requests for the last mentioned surplus Tonnage in Salt Petre at the low Freight.

14. There seems to be very little probability of any ships remaining on your hands, however, if contrary to our expectations a ship or ships shall happen to be detained in India a Season extraordinary for want of Goods or from any other unavoidable Incidents, we shall depend upon your using your best endeavours, for employing them in the manner that shall appear most advantageous to the Company, we are sensible of the great decline of Trade, and in consequence of letting out our ships on Freight for so much money as We could wish, and what in better times we have reason to expect, in case therefore it shall be thought proper, to let any out on Freight, we shall leave the terms to be settled by you, and if it shall appear you have acted therein to the best of your Judgement, we shall rest satisfied, although we are not entirely reimbursed the amount of the Demorage resulting from the Detention.

15. Upon settling accounts with the Owners of the ships Delawar and Colchester, we have suffered most severely by Damages, Demorage and other Expences and Losses, the consequences of your keeping those ships in your Road at such an unseasonable time as the end of October, not to dwell upon the loss of our own Ship the Brilliant, which was drove out in the same Storm, and has never since been heard of, you must not for the future keep any of our shipping in Madras Road at such a dangerous season, if it can be possibly avoided, and here we must observe, that you detained the Norfolk last season in your Road, with all her loading on board and that a very valuable one, as also to a great amount in Diamonds from the month of October untill January, to bring us advices of the Issue of the conferences with the French Companys Agents, we own the case was very particular, and therefore although we cannot entirely approve of your subjecting us to so great a Risk, We must excuse it.

16. If at any time hereafter you shall have occasion to detain any of our ships in Madras Road later than the 10th October, they must be ordered

out into deep Water, to prevent the hazard, which attends their laying in the Road at so dangerous a season.

17. Upon occasion of some late differences with the owners of our shipping with respect to Demorage, it is necessary to make it a Standing Rule, and you are to observe it as such accordingly; That you carefully take notice, whether the Commanders of our Europe ships loiter or mispend their time, and whether any Defects in their ships or the negligence and Inability of the Commander, Officers and ships Company retard their voyages, and particularly if they do not proceed on their voyages to Great Britain immediately upon your giving them their final Dispatches in any of the said instances you are to make regular Protests against them, that we may avail ourselves, in having ample satisfaction either from the owners of such ships, the Commanders, or both.

18. We have revived our orders for encouraging the Commanders of such of our ships as may happen to be dispatched from Fort St. George or Bengal after the 3d of March, to use their best endeavours to get about the Cape of Good Hope, and thereby gain their Passage home the same season, by promising a Gratuity of Two hundred Guineas in case of a French War, and at other times One hundred Guineas, at the same time they are acquainted, that whatever time they are dispatched if it shall appear they do not use their best endeavours to gain their passage they are liable to be rendered incapable of the Companys service, which we mention for your information, in order for your reminding the Commanders thereof, and for your doing, on your part, whatever may be necessary for encouraging and enforcing their compliance with this part of their Instructions.

19. If on the beforementioned, or any other occasions, you shall come to a Resolution to Protest against any of the Commanders of the Companys ships, such Protest must be delivered the same day, or at furthest the day after such Resolution is come to, taking notice of the delivery of the same upon your Consultations.

20. Being frequently at a loss in adjusting accounts with the owners of our shipping, for want of Proper accounts, Papers, and Vouchers, you are therefore to observe it as a Standing Rule, in future, that an account current be stated between the Company and the owners of every Europe ship, in which you are to charge all money and stores supplied (mentioning the times when) also all Goods Damaged, and wanting and you are to credit the said account, for every sum of money paid by the Commander, on the account of his owners, and you are in general to Debt or Credit the said accounts, for every other money Transaction which may pass between the Company and the respective Commanders on their owners behalf, and we further direct, that Three Accounts of the same Tenour and date be drawn out for each ship, and signed by your accountant, Two of which are to be transmitted to us by the first conveyances (of which the ship concerned is to be one) and the other is to be delivered to the Commander.

21. The Accounts you have given of the Arrival, Departure, Destination or Employment of our Shipping with the several other particulars relative thereto, are very explicit and much to our satisfaction, which we mention that you may continue the same care and method in your future advices.

22. The Secret Committee will give the necessary Instructions to the President, as to the orders to be given to the several Commanders for the security of our shipping in the present situation of Affairs, and you are jointly or separately to give him your best advice and assistance whenever he shall apply for the same, the better to enable him take the properest measures for the safety of our shipping.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOSED OF AT ANOTHER.

23. By the Delawar we sent you a large supply of Treasure, and a proportion of the Goods and Stores intended for your Presidency this season, together with Eighty three Bales of Woollen Goods, to be forwarded when a conveyance offers, to Bombay, We consigned to you on the Marlborough, and now consign to you, on the Caernarvon, Stormont. Suffolk and Godolphin, the further Quantitys of Treasure, Goods, and Stores mentioned in the respective Invoices and Bills of Lading, upon comparing which with your Indents, you will see in what manner we have complied with them, and you will observe that we have sent you no Woollen Goods, in order to enable you to dispose of the quantitys remaining on your hands with more case.

24. Upon settling your Indents for Military and other Stores we have, been under the necessity of omitting to send most of the articles for sale, for want of room, principally owning to the large Tonnage the Government Stores amount to.

25. The Norfolk bought your Indent, and the Winchelsea the Storekeepers account of Remains, the distance of time between the arrival of the first and last ship was so great, that we were under much uncertainty, in what manner to settle the same you must therefore, for the future, never omit to send both the Indent and the account of Remains by the same conveyance.

26. Notwithstanding the Treasure is consigned to you by all the several beforementioned ships, it is intended, as well for Bengal Presidency as yours, we therefore hope you have complied with our Directions, in forwarding as large a proportion of that by the Delawar as you could possibly spare, you must likewise forward thither as large a share of what is further consigned to you, as circumstances will admit of, by the earliest and safest conveyances, in which we shall expect a punctual compliance, as you cannot but be as sensible as we are, of the importance of a plentiful and early supply, for the forwarding the Bengal Investment, especially in the method it is now made, by sending ready money to the Aurungs, whether the Treasure so forwarded will be best either in Bullion or Rupees must be determined by the advices you will receive from the President and Council there.

27. Over and above the one hundred and fifty tons of copper consigned to you on the Stormont and Godolphin, to be disposed of at Fort S^t. George, we have shipped the same quantity on board the Suffolk and Caernarvon, and altho' this likewise is consigned to you, it is intended for Bengal, and you are to forward it to our President and Council accordingly by the first safe conveyances.

28. The copper now sent you being purchased of several persons, a distinguishing mark is put upon every parcel and inserted in the invoice that we may know whose turns out best, you must therefore order the several sorts to be put up to sale distinctly, and inform us which species is best liked and most in demand, that we may regulate our future purchases accordingly.

29. We have procured twelve Grind Stones for your Gun Powder Mills, and have laden three on each of the four ships Caernarvon, Stormont, Suffolk and Godolphin, the manner of using them is explained in the model sent you some time since.

30. His Majestys Navy and Victualling Boards desiring to send for the use of the Squadron under the command of Rear Admiral Watson about one hundred and fifty seven tons of Naval, and one hundred and seventy-eight tons of Victualling stores, they are accordingly laden in equal proportions on the ships Caernarvon, Stormont, Suffolk and Godolphin, there is likewise laden on the Caernarvon a quantity of cloathing for Colonel Adlercrons Regiment, amounting to about eighteen tons and about four tons of cloathing for the Detachment of Artillery under the command of Captain Hislop, all which several Parcell of Stores and cloathing you must take care to have properly delivered.

31. Our Correspondents at Madeira will transmit to you the Invoice and Bill of Lading of the one hundred and fifty pipes of Wine they are desired to consign to you on the Marlbro' and from the notice we have taken of the deficiency you mention in the size of the casks you received by the S^t^. George, we believe you will have no reason to make any complaint of this kind again, The President and Council at Fort William complained of the quality of that parcel which they received by the S^t^. George of which likewise we took due notice to our said correspondents.

32. With the Copy of our Letter to Fort Marlborough, We transmit you an abstract of the Oxford's Invoice, for your Information that you may better regulate the supplys necessary to be sent to our Settlements on the West Coast from Fort S^t^. George.

33. We have in some degree complied with your Indent for Books, by sending you a Parcell of the most useful ones, as likewise a Pair of Globes, and have shipped them on the Stormont The Titles of the Books will appear in the said Ships Invoice ; But we must observe, that this is not a time for Forming a Library, or putting the Company to any Expences but what are absolutely necessary.

34. You must not fail to send Thirty men Coffrees to S^t^. Helena by the first conveyance, if you have not already done it, as they are extremely wanted to assist in carrying on the Works at that Island.

35. Upon enquiry we find that all the Parts of the Model of the Powder Mill were packed in two cases instead of Three mentioned in the Onslow's Invoice, therefore as you have received the whole Model, the amount, as it is there charged, is the real value.

36. You will receive, in Duplicates, by the ships Caernarvon and Stormont, the value of the Three Pounder Field Carriage with Limbers Compleat, and the Powder Prover omitted by mistake in the Warren's Invoice.

37. You are as strictly to attend to the Observations made upon your coinage by our Accountant-General, as if they were mentioned in the body of our advices, you will receive them this season in the Packets by the ships Caernarvon, Stormont & Suffolk.

38. We shall only add that you must take the utmost care to keep the Silver and Gold coins to their exact standard, both as to Fineness and Weight.

39. In consequence of your Representations by the Norfolk and Winchelsea, We have (as is before noticed) sent you no Woollen Goods this season, and we flatter ourselves this measure will enable you to dispose of all the Remains on your hands, especially as we gave you liberty last season to dispense with our former orders, for putting them up with Fifteen ₰ Cent advance upon the Invoice, provided you did not put them up under the Invoice Price, But notwithstanding all your allegations, We still insist upon your disposing of them (and all other Goods) at Public Sales, we have experienced the utility of this method at our other Presidencys, and we are satisfied shall do so at yours, if you exert your endeavours to remove the prejudice some of the Merchants have conceived against it, the result of self Interested Principles only, as it is evident they want to engross the whole cloth Trade in a very few hands.

40. It is of consequence to us to have an early Information of the Remains of every Article of Woollen Goods, and their value you must therefore, without fail, send such an account, as well as your Indents for the same, by the first ship you dispatch in the season, and by every other opportunity that happens after.

Thirdly of Investments.

41. We flatered ourselves that the suspension of Hostilities upon the Coast of Choromandel would have had some influence upon your Investment, but to our misfortune, we find that the whole produce of the Coast amounts to no more than the care Loading of a Ship and an half, This cannot but be a mortifying Reflection, considering how small the Profits arising from the Investment is, in proportion to the vast Expenses we are at, it behoves us therefore, to recommend it to you in the most earnest manner, diligently to pursue every prudent measure, that will tend to the encreasing this branch of our commerce to the utmost Extent, that times and circumstances will admit of, and at the same time to have a strict regard to the Orders we have repeatedly given you, with regard to the Qualitys and Lengths and Breadths of the various species.

42. Our more immediate orders and Observations upon your Investmen will be conveyed to you, as usual, in the Lists now sent you, and if any additiona ones shall appear necessary, (as we are apprehensive they will upon the sale of the Winchelsea's Cargo) they will be transmitted by the ships Chesterfield and Walpole.

43. Notwithstanding what appears in your advices now before us, we are still of opinion, That the giving Public notice, for contracting for your Investment with any Persons of Substance that shall offer, upon the cheapest Terms, is the best Measure for the Company, and you certainly misunderstand our orders, if you imagine they are intended to admit your trusting *every Boutique Fellow that retails a Piece of Moorees or Handkerchiefs* (according to your own expression) for upon a Reperusal thereof you will find, that you are to be the

Judges of the Ability of every Person that offers any Proposal, and if you find he is not of Substance to perform what he proposes to engage for, he is to be rejected, We can have no objection to your Contracting with your old Merchants, when it appears their Terms are the most reasonable, and we imagine the only way to know that, must be, by encouraging every man of Substance to deliver in a Proposal.

44. The Merchants at Fort S^t^. David we find have been greatly remiss both in the Quantity and Quality of the Investment they engaged to provide, notwithstanding the large Supplys of money they were advanced to carry it on, and we hope you have, agreeable to your promise to us by the Winchelsea, done us Justice, and recovered or Secured the large Ballances remaining in their hands.

45. It appears pretty evidently that the setting on Foot an Investment at Deve Cottah will not answer, as by it's Vicinity to Fort S^t^. David it must necessarily interfere with what is made at the latter, as this is the case, and that, in general, the Settlement at Deve Cottah seems to be of very little, if any advantage to the Company, you must take care that the Expenses do not exceed the Revenues of that Place, and you must give us your thoughts whether it will be best to continue or Relinquish it.

46. We have been assured, that if you look carefully after our servants at the Northern Settlements, a considerable Abatement may be made in the Prices of the several Species their Investment consists of, and at the same time the Fabrick thereof greatly improved, which We are sorry to say is lately greatly inferiour [?] to what it used to be, The appointing proper Persons to Preside at Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam, such as you find the best qualified, without regard to their rank in our Service is one necessary measure which we recommend to you, others will better occur to you on the spot than us, and we shall accordingly expect to see the good effects of your care, in the Improvement and encrease of the Investments at those Settlements.

47. Being very desirous of receiving, by the several ships to be dispatched from our different Settlements in the year 1756, as large a quantity of Salt Petre as they can conveneinetly take in (even if it had been possible to the amount of Two thousand Tons in the whole) you must therefore take care to be supplied from Bengal, with a sufficient quantity for those ships which are to have their final Dispatches from Fort S^t^. George, but having observed, under the first Head, the probability of a want of Tonnage, for the more valuable part of your Investment, you must be particularly careful to proportion the Quantity of Saltpetre upon each Ship, in such a manner, as may not interfere with your loading all your Investment of Piece Goods, or at least the greater and most valuable part thereof.

48. Should you not be able, for want of Tonnage, to send home all the Investment you have provided, or may reasonably expect to provide you must, in the first place, ship all the Finest and most valuable part thereof, and what you may be under the necessity of retaining, must consist of the worst of the ordinary Longcloths and Sallampores, taking care to have a sufficient quantity of Coarse Goods for Flooring, as likewise that the sortment of the cargo of each ship may be general.

Fourthly of the country Government and Transactions with the French and other European Nations.

49. From the Accounts in your advices now before us of the Settlement upon the Negrais, and your Transactions with the Government of Pegu, We have less encouragement than ever to think it will be proper for the Company to be at any further Expense upon it, We last year gave you directions to take, into your serious consideration, all circumstances relating to this Settlement and acquaint us, in the most explicit manner, with the advantages or disadvantages that has, or may attend the continuance of it, together with your opinion upon the whole, that we might be enabled to give the necessary Directions accordingly; We shall therefore, until we have an answer to our said directions, defer sending you our final orders, and, in the meantime, we hope you have carefully attended to what we then likewise directed, That if the Result of your Enquiry should be, that this Settlement might be advantageous to the Company, to proceed upon rendering it as useful as you could, if otherwise, to keep Possession only, with as little Expense as possible, until you received our further Orders, as upon a Total desertion of it, the French might take Possession, we hope to have such a full answer to our aforesaid Directions as will enable us, by the first conveyance afterwards, to determine this affair.

50. We were in great hopes the Provincial Treaty and Truce concluded with Mr. Godeheu, would have been the Basis of such a Treaty here, as would have terminated all differences and restored a lasting Tranquility upon the Coast of Choromandel, the present situation of affairs between the British and French Nations has prevented all intercourse between the two Companies, and consequently no overtures have been made by either, what orders may be necessary to be given, in the present situation will be communicated by our Secret Committee to your Select Committee, and we shall only say, that although you must be on your Guard, and prepared for all Events, yet that the Tranquility of the Coast is the object of our Wishes, and that even the French Companys agents we hope will concur in the same Sentiments, since they have not the ambitious Mr. Dupleix to inflame them.

51. It is of the utmost consequence that the Nabobs Debt be rendered as secure as possible, under all Events, and in order thereto, it is necessary it should be particularly and exactly ascertained by you to a certain Period, and then acknowledged and signed by the Nabob, and rendered as valid, by all other Methods or Customs, as the nature of the Country Government will admit of, This you must get performed out of hand, and if the said Debt shall continue to encrease, such encrease must be secured at short Intervals in like manner, you must likewise take care that the several Places mortgaged to the Company, for the payment of the said Debt, are so well secured, that we may not run the hazard of losing the revenues arising from them, even in the cases of an entire Defeat or the Death of the Nabob.

52. The Dutch have we find promised to restore the one ℔ Cent they inhospitably exacted upon the Cargo of one of your ships which was landed at Mallacca in order to repair a Leak ; at the same time they seem to make a Merit of returning what had been exacted, in order, as you inform us, to obtain much greater concessions from the Company with respect to the Settlement at Nattal, We shall depend upon your Vigilance and care to support our Right to that

Place, by the best arguments you can make use of and from what we have observed upon the Papers and Letters which have already passed on the occasion, We are of opinion, the General and Council of Batavia will not find it easy to support their Pretentions with any convincing reasons ; but we must add that it was the highest presumption in our Servants upon the West Coast, to make that Settlement, without leave first obtained, and thereby unnecessarily engaging us in Altercations with the Dutch, especially for a Place which promises little, if any advantage to the Company, and was projected merely for their own Private Interest.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

53. It was with a very sensible concern we received the News of Colonel Scott's death, as we were thereby deprived of a very valuable and understanding Man, in the Profession he was retained to serve the Company ; but we have that opinion of Mr. Brohier, both as to his abilities as an Engineer, and his Integrity that we hope, so far as regards the Works at your Presidency, he will fully supply the loss of Colonel Scott, and we have accordingly thought proper to send him a Commission appointing him Engineer of our Presidency of Fort S^t^. George, which is sent in the Packet by the ship Caernarvon which you are immediately to deliver to him, Mr. Brohier is to continue in the Command of the Artillery Company, the pay of which together with the Pay, we directed as Engineer, in our Letter of the 29th of November 1754, is to be in full consideration of his services as Engineer and Captain of Artillery.

54. Mr. John Call is to be Assistant to Mr. Brohier as Engineer, and as we are well assured of his abilities, we shall leave it to you to give him all fitting Encouragement, agreeable to our Recommendations last year.

55. We have been continually urging you to carry on the Works at Fort St. George, but it is with the greatest concern we find by your last advices what little progress has been made in them, and the more so, as it has in a great measure been owing to Irregularity and mismanagement of our own servants. In the present situation of affairs with the French, it is more immediately necessary, that you should exert yourselves, to put the place in a proper posture of Defence, as also to go on with all convenient dispatch, with the material parts of the Fortifications, all which we most earnestly recommend to your attention and care ; the Enquirys made in consequence of Colonel Scott's Complaints, we observe with satisfaction, has been productive of such Regulations, as will, if duly attended to and executed give us the pleasure of seeing this branch of our affairs conducted with better economy and more Frugality in future. Those Regulations, together with the Orders we sent the last, and former years, are to be your Guide in the prosecution of your Works, and as (we highly approve of your appointing a Standing Committee, to consider of ways and means for carrying on the Companys Works, with economy and to the greatest advantage, as well in providing Materials, as in all other Branches, such a Committee must constantly subsist, and Mr. Brohier must be always a Member of it, and they are to Report their Proceedings, from time to time, for your Information, and are to carry into Execution all such Directions as you shall think proper to give them, you are to understand, that all the orders and directions we have given, and now give extend as well to the Works at Fort St. David Vizagapatam and all the rest of the Settlements subordinate to you, as Fort St. George itself).

56. Nothing more than unavoidable Repairs ought to be done at Deve Cottah, until we are better informed of the utility of that Settlement.

57. We observe you have directed a small addition to the Works at Vizagapatam under the Inspection of Mr. Heath as this was the Project of Colonel Scott we conclude it to be necessary.

58. It will be proper to put the Powder Mills under the inspection of the beforementioned Standing Committee for the Works, We therefore recommend it to you to give the necessary directions to that Committee accordingly.

59. You must always have in mind the assessment we have so often pressed upon you to make on the Inhabitants towards defraying the charges of the Works, and shall leave it to you to carry it into Execution, whenever you shall find it may be done without discouraging Circumstances.

60. We shall depend upon your care for erecting Barracks, and such other Buildings as are really necessary, in as frugal a manner as the nature of them will admit.

61. We approve much of the directions you have given for a New Survey to be made of our ancient and present Bounds, and as we entirely agree with you, that it may be of great use to obtain an accurate survey of the whole Arcot Province, we hope you will find means to have it done, We shall expect shortly to have a good copy of the former and of the latter as soon as it can be completed.

62. We gave you our sentiments last year upon the Dutys collected from Chindadre Pettah Pagoda, as well as the Collections made for several other Pagodas, which, from what you and others have informed us, appear to be grievous Burthens upon the Inhabitants, nothing but the security of the Debt due to the Company from the late Cuddam Narrain could have induced us to suffer the collections for Chindadre Pettah to be continued, and with regard to all others, we empowered you to take all prudent measures for curtailing them, we now confirm the same, and further leave it to you entirely to abolish all or such part of them as you shall think fit, as likewise Chindadre Pettah if you can find any other expedient for securing the payment of our said Debt.

63. Your procuring the several Districts from the Nabob mentioned in your advices now before us, by way of Mortgage towards discharging a part of his debt, meets with our entire approbation, and we shall depend upon your assurances of taking every opportunity of recovering as much of it as possible.

64. You must take care that the Honorary Privilege of a Naubit, with the accustomary Musick Granted to you by the Nabob, does not stand us in more than the Revenue the villages will produce, which he has allotted to defray the Expence of it, whenever it does, you must lay it aside.

65. We observe with great satisfaction that Poonamallee let for Nine thousand Pagodas advance upon the former years Rent, and that there is reason to expect a still further Improvement.

66. Having considered what you alledge, with regard to our orders, for Letting all the Farms at Publick Outcry, and for the Term of one year only, we see no reason to dispense with that part which directs their being disposed of at Outcry, but as to the time we do agree That if you find it more for the

Companys Interest, you may let all or as many of the old Farms as you think proper for the Term of Five years each, but as we are well assured it will be best to let the Poonamallee Country, and the rest of the New Districts for one year only until the value of them can be better ascertained than at present, we shall wait for your Opinion in this Head, which shall be duly attended to.

67. The Annual Revenues at Fort S^t^. George and Fort S^t^. David including the Produce of the Districts Mortgaged to secure the Nabobs Debt, We find, by the accounts transmitted to us by the Winchelsea, produce a noble Income, upwards of Two hundred thousand Pagodas a year, but when on the other hand a view is taken of the Gulph of Expences which swallows up, not only this, but great sums besides, it shews the real necessity of cultivating and improving the one, and reducing the other in every Article it is possible, for which we shall depend upon your greatest care and Prudence.

68. We leave it entirely to make such Recompence or Allowances to the owners of all, or any of the Houses, which were Confiscated upon your taking possession again of Fort S^t^. George, after the capture thereof by the French, as shall, according to the best of your Judgment, be deemed just and equitable, and you are to give us a particular account of your proceedings herein.

Sixthly and Seventhly of covenant and Military servants and their accounts.

69. It gives us great pleasure to hear, that our President Mr. Pigot gives general satisfaction, and we make no doubt his Conduct and Behaviour will continue such, as will do Honour to our appointment of him to so important a Station, we earnestly recommend it to you all, to Cultivate and preserve the utmost Harmony with one another, which, tho' at all times desireable and necessary, will, in the present situation of Affairs, be more particularly so.

70. When Mr. Clive takes upon him the Deputy Government of Fort St David, it will be very necessary, that He should have a Person to assist him who is well versed in the Civil part of our Affairs, such we look upon Mr. Alexander Wynch to be, and he is accordingly hereby directed and appointed to be Second of Fort S^t^. David accordingly, and in case of the death of M^r^. Wynch, some other of the Fort S^t^. George Council, whom you shall approve of, is to be appointed to that Station in his room, and you are to observe it as a Rule, that the Station of Second at Fort S^t^. David must always be filled by one of your Council, and that his constant Residence be at Fort S^t^. David.

71. Considering the number of People at Fort S^t^. David it is highly necessary one of our Chaplains should perform the Offices of the Church at that place, We therefore direct, that the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk do forthwith proceed to, and constantly reside at Fort S^t^. David for those good purposes, and it must be a Rule in future, for the Junior Chaplain always to officiate in that Station.

72. Although we are thoroughly satisfied of the Ability and Services of Mr. Palk, we must, without intending the least to derogate from them, say, that so considerable a Present as One thousand Pagodas should not have been given by you without our previous approbation.

73. As Mr. Dawsonne Drake has a Second time refused to obey your Orders for going to the West Coast, We think it highly necessary, to preserve the Authority you are invested with, to dismiss him from our Service, and you are to send him to England accordingly.

74. You did right in suspending Mr. Cooke, for refusing to attend his Employs, he is since come to England, and we shall endeavour to settle with him the account of Torn and Damaged cloth he is charged with, but we must observe that your late Warehouse-keeper Mr. Charles Boddam, was much to blame, in suffering it to lay so long in the Godowns unopened after he received it from Fort S[t]. David, as it appears he did it having furnished Mr. Cooke with a plausible Argument to dispute payment of the loss on the said Bales, nor can we pass over unnoticed the inattention of Mr. Boddam & his assistants during the time of his being Export Warehouse-keeper, in suffering such quantitys of cloths damaged and in Holes, to be passed through their hands and shipped for Europe as sound.

75. You did very right in obliging Mr. Boddam your late Paymaster to refund the Twelve hundred and forty-six Pagodas, which it appears he had overcharged for Bullock hire, in carrying Bricks, during the time he filled that Post but as you inform us he returned it very chearfully, and mention his Fault with some alleviation, we are willing for the present to pass it over, and shall not revive it, unless Mr. Boddam gives any fresh occasion.

76. Nothing but very extraordinary Circumstances must induce you to Transfer any of our Servants on the Fort S[t]. George Line, to that of the West Coast, as you inform us you have done by Philip Francis Greenslate a Writer, and as, what his case was does not appear, we are at a loss to know, whether we should approve or disapprove of this step.

77. Having fully authorized you, in our Commands of last year, to suspend any of our Servants, who, among other Faults therein mentioned, shall refuse or decline any employments you shall think proper to appoint them to, We expect that you will strictly and impartially carry the Same into Execution, and we will effectually support you therein, to get the better of this disobedient spirit, which, we are sorry to observe, is too prevalent in many of our Servants.

78. The situation of the Companys affairs will not admit of our complying with your Request for a Service of Plate for the President, so far from it, that we must in the most earnest manner recommend the suppressing or reducing every Expense that is not really and absolutely necessary.

79. As you represent Mr. Fyso Saul Hancock in a very favourable manner, with regard to his capacity in his Profession and having behaved with general satisfaction, we have no objection to his succeeding as one of our Surgeons upon the Choromandel Coast Establishment, next after Mr. James Willson, and we give you liberty to appoint his succession accordingly.

80. As you have been very pressing for a further supply of Writers, We have chosen the following Persons to serve us at our Presidency at Fort S[t]. George upon the usual Terms and Conditions, and they are to be Ranked accordingly, as Writers upon your List in the order they are named, viz., James Hay, Alexander Leigh, John Crawfurd, Henry Parsons, Thomas Lane, Thomas

Hamilton, William Stevenson, James Taylor and Richard Fitzpatrick, all of whom take their passage upon the Marlborough except Thomas Hamilton who proceeds on the Godolphin.

81. It will be impossible for you to keep up a list of Covenant Servants sufficient to carry on the Current Business if the Writers we are continually sending out, are admitted to serve in a Military Capacity; you must therefore discourage the same, as much as you can, and suffer only such to enter in the Army, whose inclination and Genius are so strong that way, as will render it Irksome to them to set down to Mercantile Business.

82. And it must be a Rule, that when any of our Covenant Servants engage in our Military Service and make it their Option to continue therein, their Pay and allowances as Servants upon our Civil List, are entirely to cease from the time of their so Entering.

83. But these Injunctions are not intended to forbid the use of the sword upon any extraordinary occasions, when the Assistance of our Covenant Servants in that way shall be deemed by you absolutely necessary for the defence and protection of the Companys Rights, Privileges and Property, such extraordinary occasions you will be the best Judges of, and we leave it accordingly to your discretion, to act herein as you shall think most for our Interest.

84. We send you, as usual, Lists of the several Persons who have had our License this Season to proceed to the East Indies as Free Merchants, in the Seafaring way, and otherwise, which Lists are signed by our Secretary.

85. We sent you by the Delawar Thirty one Military Recruits, The Ships Marlborough, Stormont and Godolphin will each bring you about seventy more, and a party of His Majesty's Forces, to Recruit Colonel Adlercron's Regiment consisting of about One hundred and Forty men, are embarked on the Suffolk and Caernarvon.

86. As our Garrison at Fort William is very weak in Europeans, we shall send as many Recruits for that place as the latter Ships can conveniently carry, which will be about Seventy on each, we hope you will so far from detaining any of them, That you will spare some of those on your Establishment and forward them by the first Conveyances, if Circumstances can possibly admit of it.

87. That the Officers, who are at present in our Service, may have no reason to complain of being superceded, we shall not send out any this season above the degree of Ensigns, unless We shall find a real necessity to alter our present Resolution.

88. Thomas Stephenson and Daniel M^c^Alphin proceed to you on these Ships and are to have Commissions given them as Ensigns upon the first Vacancys that happen after their arrival, in the order they are named, Their Pay is to comence from the day of their arrival, you must therefore take care they are usefully employed until such Vacancies happen.

89. We send you likewise Samuel Lansdale, Palmer and Richard Willson to serve as Cadets in our Troops, if they behave well, they are to have Ensigns Commissions given to them as Vacancies happen, having a regard to provide first for those who went out last season, if they have merited Preferment.

90. Colonel Lawrence may rest assured that we continue in the same favourable Sentiments which we have always had for him, and we make no doubt he will serve the Company with the same Zeal he has hitherto shewn upon every occasion, He cannot but be sensible, that if His Majesty assisted us with Troops the Commanding Officer must take rank of all Ours, We therefore hope this unavoidable Circumstance will be seen by him in it's true light, and not, in any way, prevent his acting in his Military Capacity, at a time when his Experience and Ability may (we have great reason to believe) be as much wanted as ever.

91. As, for avoiding Trouble and other Inconveniences we are come to a Resolution, not to procure any more Men from Switzerland, for Recruiting our Four Swiss Companys, but to unite These with our other Troops, so as leave no Distinction between them, We recommend it to you and Colonel Lawrence to consider of such methods for carrying it into Execution as will be most for the General Service, and not disagreeable to the Officers, for whom we have a great Regard, and whose concurrence will be necessary during the Term of their Contracts.

92. It is not however to be understood, in the union or Incorporation proposed, that Draughts should be made out of the said Swiss Companies against the Inclination of the Captains of each, but that they shall continue in the respective Companies to which they belong, if it shall be most agreeable to the said Captains, as to the Dividing of the European Recruits, the more equal it is, the less it should seem liable to objections, but that, as well as the general method of Recruiting them either with other Europeans or Topasses, must be submitted to you.

93. Our intention therefore is, that the said four Companies, Officers as well as Soldiers be, in all respects whatever, put upon the same Footing as the English, Except only in regard to the number of each Company, which is limited to one hundred and forty, and must continue on the same Foot, agreeable to their Capitulations, during the Term thereby limited.

94. Tho' it was expressly understood here, that Captain Polier, being much the older officer, should take Rank of the other three Swiss Captains, when our Commissions were given them, the time of dating them seemed to be a matter of Indifference, since they were Distined to different Presidencies, but as they now happen to be together upon the Coast of Choromandel, and Captain Polier insists with reason, on the Rank promised to him, We, in order to remove the Difficulties occasioned between him and Captain Schaub, merely by the Dates of their Commissions, send herewith a new Commission to Captain Polier, which you are to deliver to him on his giving up the former and if he should be returned to Bengal, you are to forward the same to him.

95. It having been represented to us, that the method of Dieting His Majesty's Troops in Messes, and which is likewise followed by the Swiss, is of great advantage to the Men, we can but recommend to you, the ordering the same to be observed, by all the Military in our Service.

96. Sir James Foulis acted like a man of Honour and a Dutiful Servant of the Company's, in so readily coming from Bombay to your assistance, upon his hearing of your distress for a Commanding Officer, we therefore cannot but approve of the Present you made him of Five hundred Pagodas, to defray the Expenses of his coming from, and returning to his Station at Bombay.

97. It is with great Concern we see among the many other heavy Expences, That of your List of Invalids, amounting upon the departure of the Winchelsea to upwards of six thousand Pagodas a year, we hope the utmost care has been, and will be taken, to admit none, but such as are real objects of that Charity, and no longer allowances made than are reasonable for their Maintenance, with regard to the Europeans, you may send as many to England as Charterparty Passengers in our returning Shipping, as they can conveniently carry, you must send at the same time a full state of their respective cases, that we may consider them upon their arrival, as to the Topasses, we think it will be better to give them a certain sum of money once for all than continue them at monthly allowances, at least to as many of them as you can; but after all, as this cannot long be borne by the Company, we earnestly recommend it to you to carry into Execution the orders we sent you last year, for settling a Fund to raise money out of the Pay of our Forces for the Maintenance of the Sick, Wounded and Disabled in some measure to alleviate our Burthen.

98. The Preceding Paragraph shews the absolute necessity of retrenching every Military Expence where it can be done, without prejudice to the Service, and for this reason, no more Principal Officers are to be created than are really wanted, and although we are well satisfied with the Character and Behaviour of Mr. Kilpatrick, you should not have granted him a Major's Brevet, as you might reasonably suppose we should, as we always had done, fill that vacancy ourselves, therefore, after the Death or absence of Mr. Kilpatrick, there is to be but one Major as usual.

99. We observe also you have appointed Captain Bridge to be Town Major, with an additional Pay of Five shillings a day, this is a step, for the same reasons, we cannot admit of, and therefore must be discontinued.

100. It is intimated to us, that our Forces may be victualled more reasonably than upon the Terms of the present Contract, and as every Saving is, at this time, highly necessary, it is our directions, that such Contracts for the future be disposed of to such Substantial People as shall offer upon the most reasonable Terms, after Publick notice has been given for receiving Proposals for that purpose.

101. It is very clear to us, upon a Perusal of your Consultation of the 29th of July 1754 and of the several Papers transmitted to us relative thereto, that, after deducting the sum of Bombay Rupees Eight thousand five hundred and eighty, one Quarter and thirty-six Reas out of the Principal sum of Arcot Rupees Twenty thousand, for a Bond given by the late Governour and Council of Fort St. George, bearing date the 7th August 1745, payable to Coja Sultan David, The remainder is due to the Representative of the said Sultan David, with Interest after the rate of Eight ℔ Cent ℔ Annum having a regard to the time the said Bombay Rupees Eight thousand five hundred and eighty, one Quarter and thirty-six Reas (Sic) was paid, which appears by the Endorsement to have been on the 4th of October 1748, you are therefore hereby empowered and directed to pay to Coja Shamir Sultan if he is the proper Representative of the said Coja Sultan David what remains due upon the said Bond, with simple Interest only, and take a Discharge accordingly.

102. We observe you have paid off some more of the Old Fort St. George Bonds, and as we would have all those paid off, which have been particularly described in our former Commands to you, in order to make an end of those

long Standing Accounts, we do empower you, if it shall be necessary, to take up upon Fresh Bonds bearing the same Interest, so much money as the said Old Standing Bonds amount to, with simple Interest thereon and no more.

103. We have made such an allowance, to the Representatives of the late Mr. David Hunter Deceased, as includes not only the two thousand Rupees represented as lost by him on the Insurrection of the Coffrees, but likewise his appointment by way of salary, as the Principal Agent and Conductor of the Expedition to the Negrais, and in full for his extraordinary services, and of all Claims, Pretensions and Demands whatsoever, which we apprize you of, that no further sums may be paid at Fort S^t^. George on this account.

104. We advised you last year, that Mr. Stratton's Debt of Pagodas Two thousand five hundred and ninety-two and seventy-eight Cash was not paid in England, and directed you to recover it of his Heirs at Fort S^t^. George, we see no reason to retract those Orders, and therefore hope you have or will accordingly recover it.

105. Upon looking over your Consultations for the year 1754, we find the same reasons to complain of the large Ballances remaining in the hands of Mr. Powney in his double Stations of Import Warehouse-keeper and Sea Customer and We mentioned to you last Season, but we hope to hear this Irregularity has been rectified, agreeable to the Orders we then gave.

106. In the account of Remains in your Import Warehouse received by the Winchelsea signed by Mr. Powney are inserted several articles of Cash, Rupees, Pagodas and Bullion, which although they seem by that account to be in the Possession of the Import Warehouse-keeper, upon Examination we find are brought to account, and consequently acknowledged to be in the hands of the Committee of Treasury, and so we must suppose them to be agreeable to our former Commands, you must explain to us this seeming Irregularity and, in the mean time, if it appears such to you, to rectify it in your next and all future returns of the Import Warehouse.

107. Notwithstanding our Orders for your transacting all your Business in the same manner as it was carried on before the capture of Fort S^t^. George, We find you do not bring the accounts of Fort Marlborough upon your General Books, as was formerly practised, you must therefore, for the future, constantly adjust those Books with yours, entirely agreeable to the former method.

108. It is highly necessary we should be informed of the Particulars of our Great Expenses in the Military branch of our Affairs, especially what fall within the Province of the Commissaries, from whom we have received no accounts whatsoever, you must therefore transmit to us such accounts as have already been kept by them, and continue to send us regular Ones in future.

109. We have already complained of your not transmitting to us Muster Rolls of our Troops when they are in the Field if the necessity of affairs call them out again, our orders, on this Head must be as punctually complied with as circumstances will admit, and in particular Regular and Authenticated Accounts of Deaths must upon no account be omitted, that we may be enabled to give answers to the number of appliers on this account.

110. In our advices last year you were informed that we had paid to the Representatives of Mr. John Trenwith Deceased Pagodas One hundred and seventy-seven, thirty-three Fanams and Fifty-two Cash, which had been received into Cash at Fort S^t^. David on account of his Estate, but it appearing by your Consultations of the 29th of July 1754. since received, that you have paid that money to his Brother Henry Trenwith, by virtue of a Letter of Administration he produced to you, The said Representatives have repaid us that sum, if therefore, in consequence of the notice We gave you last year, you have receiv'd it back from Henry Trenwith, it must be returned to him, that we may finish the account. This, among other Transactions, shews the necessity of your complying punctually with our Orders for Writing off the Produce of Deceased's Persons Estates to Account Current London, as soon as the accounts thereof can be adjusted.

111. We have advanced to the Executrix of John Churchey deceased the sum of Two hundred Pounds, on account of his Credit of Pagodas Two thousand four hundred and ninety-two, fifteen Fanams and eight cash in your Books ending 30th of April 1754, and shall pay the remainder as soon as we can do it with safety, you are therefore hereby directed to settle the Deceased's account, and, if there be no further Claims thereon, to write it off to Account Current London.

112. Upon the application of Mrs. Elizabeth Savage, Daughter and Administratrix of Mr. John Savage Deceased, some time since of the West Coast, praying that she may be paid what shall appear due to the Deceased's Estate, We referred the same to our Committee of Accounts, who having made a Report thereon, we transmit a copy to you, as likewise of the Request, and we do the Same to our servants at Fort Marlborough, that you may mutually assist in adjusting the said account and writing off to Account Current London what shall appear due thereon, after all Claims are settled, which must be done with all convenient Dispatch, that the same may be paid here.

113. You have fallen into a good method of sending accounts in the Packets, of the several Sums writ off in your Books, as the Nett Produce of Deceased Persons Estates, This must be continued, and for the future, such accounts must be examined and passed in Consultation, and signed by you our Governour and Council, and we shall in Consequence thereof, proceed to make Payment of the several Sums, in the same manner as if your Books, in which those accounts are writ off, were received, but you are to observe, that after the signing and transmitting such accounts to us, you are not to pay any part of them in India. The same method is to be observed at all your Subordinate Settlements, in Transferring such Credits as stand on their Books to yours, that they may likewise be Certified by you in the same manner.

114. We cannot but observe that there has not been that due attention given to the accounts of the Settlement, since the late Capture of it, in many respects, as before, and in particular with regard to the adjusting the Books of the Subordinate Settlements with the General Books of the Presidency, we have had thoughts of sending out some capable Persons to Regulate and keep your accounts but as this Measure cannot be pursued, without superseding many of our present Servants, we have, for that reason only, laid it aside for the present at least, you must therefore immediately fix upon two or more well Qualified Persons among our present Servants, to be employed as additional assistants to the Accountant, to adjust and bring up all the accounts

you shall find necessary, in doing which, the methods practised at Fort S^t^. George before the Capture, are to be looked upon as the proper Modells, This we are sensible will be a Work of Time and Application, and are willing to give them a Suitable Gratification, you are therefore to represent their Services herein to us, together with your Opinion thereon, and they may depend upon our rewarding them according to their Merit.

EIGHTHLY CONCERNING THE WEST COAST.

115. It is with great pleasure we observe the Care and attention you have bestowed upon the Affairs on the West Coast, and as we make no doubt you will continue the same it will save us much Trouble, as well as the means of conducting them in the natural and most regular method for the future, as our Servants there are to be strictly Dependant and Subordinate to the Presidency.

116. Our Letter to the West Coast by the Oxford bearing Date the 3^d^. December, copys of which you will receive by the Caernarvon and Stormont does not enter much into particulars, because we would have our Servants act under your immediate Direction, and indeed there is less occasion for it, as you have in your Letter to them of the 21st of October 1754, been satisfactorily, Full and Explicit in your observations and consequent Directions upon the Affairs of that Coast, as they had been transmitted to you by the Supravisors.

117. The Supravisors have done their part to Our Satisfaction particularly Mr. Pybus, who, by continuing on the Spot, must undoubtedly contribute to the Establishing the Rules and Regulations which had been made, for the better conducting our Affairs in future, it would have been right if Mr. Walsh had continued longer upon the West Coast to have added more weight thereto.

118. As there is no necessity for the continuance of the Supravisorship, you will observe, by our beforementioned Letter by the Oxford, we have directed Mr. Pybus to return to his Station at Fort S^t^. George by the first safe Conveyance that offers (which you must take care is as early as possible) and that, upon his departure, Mr. Thomas Combs is immediately to be Deputy Governour, who, with the Council therein particularly mentioned, are, under your direction, to take upon them the management of Our Affairs upon the West Coast.

119. As Mr. Pybus has behaved, as is before observed, much to our satisfaction, we have directed a Present to be made him at Fort Marlborough of the sum of Four hundred pounds Sterling, over and above his Appointment as Supravisor.

120. And you are hereby directed to make a Present in our Name of One hundred Pounds Sterling to Mr. Walsh, in consideration of his Services during the short time he was upon the West Coast.

121. We must recommend the affairs at Nattal particularly to your attention, as well with regard to the Disputes with the Dutch, relating to the Right we have to it, as that we not only be reimbursed the Expences we have been put to in making that Settlement, but that it may be supported without Expence to the Company.

122. The Orders you have given with regard to the Private Trade to the West Coast we observe has occasioned Umbrage both to our Servants there, and in Bengal, We therefore recommend it to you to take a Review thereof, and consider how far it may be expedient to allow a Free Trade to all our Servants, and others trading under our Protection, provided effectual measures are fixed upon for the payment of such Dutys as you shall judge reasonable to be collected for the Company.

123. The Great Object upon the West Coast is the encrease of the Investment, by improving the Pepper Plantations, you must therefore keep a Watchful Eye upon our Servants there, to see that they strictly do their Duty, in causing constant and regular Surveys to be made from time to time, agreeable to the Regulations made for that purpose by the Supravisors.

124. The Sugar and Arrack Manufactures must likewise be well attended to, for which purpose, you will observe, we have given strict orders to our Servants there, to give you an Account from time to time of every step they take, in order to have your further Instructions and directions.

125. You will observe by our Letter to the West Coast, We have ordered home several of our late Servants for the reasons therein mentioned, and that, in order to supply the Settlement with the necessary number of hands to carry on their Business, we have chosen here Eleven Factors, Ten of whom proceeded on the Oxford, the other John Ambrose Kelly being left behind very ill will go thither next Season.

126. For further Particulars we refer you to our before mentioned Letter to the West Coast by the Oxford, the several parts wherein are to be attended to in the same manner as if particularly directed to you, we mean so far as they contain Informations and Rules for your conduct in the management and Superintendancy of our Affairs there.

127. Besides the beforementioned Eleven Factors We have appointed Hallett Saunders, at present a Free Merchant at your Presidency or elsewhere, to be a Factor upon the Fort Marlborough Establishment, you must therefore give him notice to proceed thither accordingly by the first Conveyance.

NINTHLY CONCERNING THE CHARTER.

128. Our intentions in procuring from His Majesty the New Charter, for holding Courts of Justice at Fort St. George were evidently Calculated for the General Good of the Settlement and such care was taken in consequence thereof, in modelling the Charter that we are satisfied if the President and Council and Mayors Court act in their Several Jurisdictions with the strictest regard to our intentions, we should not have seen the altercations, which are now before us, and we cannot but observe some late Differences among the Members of the Mayors Court have arisen more from Pique and Personal Heats, than from any real occasions being given for them, we must therefore recommend it both to you, and the Mayors Court, in the strongest Terms, to perserve the strictest Harmony together, and the Members of the latter in particular must avoid all Personal altercations and not Brow Beat or Injure any Member or Members, for differing in opinion with the rest, and you are to use your best endeavours for promoting and preserving a Good understanding among the

Several Members of that Court from time to time, that there may be no Impediments to a Regular and Faithful Administration of Justice so necessary for the good of a Mercantile Colony.

129. We are sensible that the variety of Employments our Servants are engaged in, has been the occasion, in a great measure, of the Bench of Justices not sitting so often as the good of the Settlement requires, hence we are well assured crimes have passed Unpunished, the Injured not redressed, and a Depravity of Manners among the Common People is arisen to a great pitch, hence also Cooley hire and Servants wages, which properly come under their cognizance, are encreased to such a degree, as to become a Grievance felt by every Individual; you must therefore use your Endeavours to have a Board of Justices meet once a Week, if possible and as much oft'ner as the Exigency of Affairs require, to Execute Justice and preserve good order among the Inhabitants.

TENTHLY CONCERNING HIS MAJESTY'S LAND AND SEA FORCES.

130. It is with great Satisfaction We observe, that Admiral Watson's conduct is such as gives the Strongest reason to believe he will render us all the Assistance in his Power, We are greatly obliged to the Admiral for his good Inclinations and readiness to serve the Company, and we expect you will, on your part, do every thing that may contribute to preserve a mutual Harmony.

131. Had the Administration communicated to us Colonel Adlercron's Instructions, we should have given you such explicit directions as would probably have prevented the altercations, which we are sorry to observe has passed between you, but as the communicating the Governments Instructions is not customary we must rest satisfied, however we can now, with pleasure, inform you, that his Majestys Ministers, having been apprized of what had passed on this occasion, the Earl of Holdernesse has been pleased to assure us, that such notice has been taken thereof to Colonel Adlercron, both as to his appointment from the Company for his Table, and the nature of his Command, as his Lordship believed would effectually prevent any Difficulties arising for the future, especially with regard to not interfering with the Companys Officers in the Command, of our Forts and Garrisons, and we are willing to contribute, as far as lies in our power, to promote that good understanding which it is so necessary should subsist between you and Colonel Adlercron. We do acquiesce with the additional allowance you have advised us was made him, and we hope we shall experience the good Effects.

132. You did right in not complying with the Requests of the Surgeons belonging to the Men of War, to be paid Head Money for the Kings Forces landed from them, applications have been likewise made to us on the Same account, but as those Forces were to be transported entirely at the Governments Expence, the Requests have been withdrawn.

133. We are glad to observe Colonel Adlercron will, for the future, Authenticate the Accounts of Stores supplied for the use of His Majesty's Forces, and we must recommend it to you, to give such directions, for the Punctuallity and Exactness of all such Accounts, as well as their being properly Certified, that we may find no difficulty in making applications for payment of the Amount at the several Publick Offices here, if you cannot prevail upon the Colonel to discharge them, which we should rather chuse.

134. You must take particular care, that the several Naval Victualling and Military Stores, mentioned under the second Head, are carefully delivered into the Custody of the several officers belonging to His Majesty, to whose Province they properly belong.

135. His Majesty has been pleased to order a Party of about One Hundred and forty Men, under the Command of their proper Officers, to proceed to India, to Recruit the Regiment under the command of Colonel Adlercron, as they take their Passage on the Suffolk and Caernarvon, you must very particularly enquire as to their Treatment on board, and acquaint us therewith, that we may shew a due Resentment against the Commanders, for any ill usage they may have met with in the Voyage.

136. What Treasure is, or shall be sent out on any of our Ships for the service of His Majesty's Land or Sea Forces will be mentioned in the Lists, you will receive in the respective Ships Packets, to which therefore we refer, only adding that great care must be taken to deliver it according to the consignments.

137. As the charge of Transporting the beforementioned Recruits for Colonel Adlercron's Regiment lies on the Company, you are therefore to pay the Surgeons of the Ships on which they proceed, the same Head money as is allowed for the care of our own Recruits.

138. You must, under this Head in all your Letters, be very particular in all your Details of the manner His Majesty's Land and Sea Forces are employed, and of every material circumstance relative to them, that we may be able to give satisfactory Information and Accounts to the Administration, whenever we are called on for that purpose.

Supplement.

139. It has been resolved at a General Court of this Company, to reduce the Dividend upon the Capital Stock, from Eight to Six ℔ Cent ℔ Annum, and as the necessity of this reduction principally arises from the Heavy Expenses incurred by the Troubles upon the Coast of Choromandal. We cannot too earnestly recommend it to you, to be careful and Frugal, in the management and conducting of every Chanel of Expence, to improve the Revenues of the Presidency, and, in particular, to recover, as much of the Nabob's Debt, as Circumstances will admit of, and effectually secure the remainder and finally to give a strict attention to the encrease and Improvement of the Investment, that we may again be enabled to raise the Dividend, or at least satisfy the Proprietors of this Company, that no care is wanting on your part to Effect it.

140. To what we have said under the Sixth Head, it is necessary to add, That the present Circumstances of the Company will not admit of their being at any Expense, that can be possibly avoided, Therefore no New Allowances are to be made by way of Pensions to any Persons whatsoever, but to such as are real Objects of Charity and want immediate assistance, and that we may have a Collected View of what is paid at Fort S^{t}. George and all its Subordinates on this account, you must cause a List to be drawn out and sent separately in the Packets every year of the Names of such Persons as have

Pensions or Allowances in any shape whatsoever, as well Civil as Military, setting opposite to each Persons, Name, the Monthly or Annual Allowance, together with the reasons for the same, as likewise his present Circumstances, that we may, upon the whole, be enabled to give such orders, as shall be reasonable, as well with regard to the Company as the Pentioners [?].

141. We have consigned to you on the Caernarvon and Suffolk Sixty Chests of Treasure each, and on the Stormont and Godolphin but Twenty Chests each, making in the whole one hundred and sixty chests. The reason of this disposition is, to divide the Risk of our Treasure equally on each Ship, the Two last named having Forty chests each for China whereas the Cærnarvon and Suffolk have none.

142. Since writing the before going, we have received a Memorial from Timothy Tullie Esqr. one of the creditors of the late Cuddam Narrain (a copy of which accompanys this for your Information) setting forth that there is a considerable Sum Collected by Narrain's Trustees, that still remains in their hands, and desiring that Orders may be given for collecting the Estates therein mentioned, and recovering what the Trustees owe, and that an Account Current be annually transmitted to us, shewing the several Receipts and Disbursements, as we are very willing that all reasonable assistance may be given to Mr. Tullie and other the Creditors of Narrain, you are to do what properly lies in your power, to see that Justice is done to them, and you are to give us a true State of the Case, with your opinion thereupon, together with the necessary accounts, and Proceedings from time to time, but we do not mean by this direction to prevent your curtailing or abolishing the Dutys collected for the maintenance of Chindadre Pettah Pagoda, or all other such Grievous Dutys upon the Inhabitants, whenever a fitting opportunity offers, agreeable to the Directions given in the 62^d Paragraph of this and our former Letters. It is, you will observe alleged in Mr. Tullie's Memorial, that there is a considerable Sum remaining in the Trustee's Hands, We see no reason why the Companys Debt should not first be discharged out thereof, and the remainder secured for the other Creditors, in this however we shall leave it to you to act as upon the whole you shall judge most reasonable.

143. In our Letter by the Delawar, We gave you a general View of the Situation of Affairs between the British and French Nations, we have only to add thereto, that Hostilities are carried on with Vigour in America, That our Men of War in Europe take all the French Ships they meet with, of which great Numbers now lay in the several Ports of His Majesty's Dominions, but none are yet condemned, no Declaration of War is made by either Nation, no Commissions for Privateers, or Letters of Marque Have been issued or granted here, and so far from any being issued by the French Court, all British Merchant Ships are suffered to go in and out of their Ports without molestation, however the French continue to exert themselves in encreasing, with the utmost diligence, both their Land and Sea Armaments, and have drawn down a great number of their Forces to their Coasts, and it is generally believed are mediating some Grand Effort, on the other hand the most vigorous measures are taken in England to be prepared against all attempts, and it is with great pleasure the whole Nation sees the Parliament most heartily concurs therein with His Majesty, This being the present Situation you must carefully observe the

Directions we gave you in our beforementioned Letter by the Delawar, to stand well upon your Guard, that you may baffle any attempts, which may be made by the French upon our Estate, Rights and Privileges.

144. Besides the Writers mentioned in the 80th Paragraph, We have chosen Thomas Amphlett who take his Passage on the Godolphin upon his Arrival he is to be placed on the List next below Richard Fitzpatrick.

145. Since the Dispatch of the Oxford we have chosen Mr. Charles Frederick Noble a Factor upon the Fort Marlborough Establishment who is to be ranked upon the List of Covenant Servants at that place next below Mr. Hallett Saunders, you must therefore take the first opportunity of sending advice thereof to that Settlement and as Mr. Noble will take his Passage upon one of the latter Coast and Bay Ships to Fort St. George, you must give directions for his being accommodated with a Passage in the first conveyance that offers for the West Coast.

146. In case it happens that either of the Ships Hardwicke or Dodington shall in consequence of what is intimated in the 12th Paragraph be Freighted for England, you must in making the agreement with the Owners consider that it is only for a Voyage to England and that therefore the Freights mentioned in the Charterparties of our other Ships must not be the Rule to go by, because those Freights are in full consideration for the Outward as well as Homeward bound Cargos.

147. The several Paragraphs of this Letter from 91 to 95 both inclusive relative to the Swiss Troops in our Service having been communicated to Sir Luke Schaub he has signified to us that he entirely agrees thereto, as he shall let the Captains know and fully explain to them for their readier concurrence in effectuating our Intentions an Attested Copy of Sir Luke's Letter to our Secretary on this occasion accompanys this in order for your making such use of it as may be necessary.

148. We send you in the Godolphin another Cadett Thomas Prichard who is to be preferred in our Troops according to his Behaviour after those are provided for who are mentioned in the 89th Paragraph.

149. Upon further considering the Conduct of Mr. Charles Boddam We do not think him a Proper Person to be Chief of Vizagapatam, You must therefore immediately upon the Receipt of this Letter, order him to quit that station and return to the Presidency, where he is to continue as Standing Fifth of Council, and not rise to a superior Rank therein, untill our further pleasure shall be signified to you, in the meantime you are to appoint a Provisional Chief to go on with the Business, but you are not to Establish any Person in the Chiefship, until you receive our next Letters.

We are,
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

LONDON, 19TH DECEMBER 1755.

R. DRAKE.
P. GODFREY.
NATH. NEWNHAM JUNR.
JOHN PAYNE.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN MANSHIP.

WHICHCOTT TURNER.
J. RAYMOND.
THOMAS ROUS.
JAMES CREED.
LAU. SULIVAN.
H. KRABB BOULTON.
BOB JONES.
HENRY PLANT.
MAXIM WESTERN.
HENY. SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN DORRIEN.
CHRISTR. BURROW.

No. 13.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. Our last and which was the General Letter for this Season bore Date the 19th of December, and was sent in Quadruplicate by the Ships Caernarvon, Stormont, Suffolk and Godolphin, all which Ships, together with the Marlborough, Oxford and Harcourt, have been prevented by a long series of contrary Winds from proceeding on their Voyages, until the times mentioned in the enclosed List.

2. You will receive this Letter by the Chesterfield and Walpole, but notwithstanding those Ships are consigned to and the Cargoes almost entirely intended for Bengal the Commanders are ordered first to touch at Fort St. George and deliver the Packets Consignments and Passengers designed for the Choromandel Coast, and follow all such Orders as they shall receive from you with regard to delivering all or any part of the Bullion consigned to Bengal to be Coined and receiving Rupees in lieu thereof with such other orders as you shall think propper to give them.

3. The Bullion now consigned to Bengal by these ships Chesterfield and Walpole amounts to the Sum of Forty Thousand Eight hundred and ninety-six pounds Sixteen Shillings which if possible must all be forwarded thither either as it is in Bullion or in Rupees agreeable to such instructions as you doubtless will have received from the President and Council at Fort William.

4. We have likewise consigned to you on the Chesterfield and Walpole to the Amount of Forty seven thousand four hundred Pounds in Gold with an Intention that the full value thereof should be forwarded to the President and Council at Fort William in Silver which you are therefore hereby Directed to comply with or to send as large a proportion thereof as you can possible spare,

5. Notwithstanding the Ships Chesterfield and Walpole are Consigned to Bengal they as well as the Delawar and Marlborough Consigned to you are to be Loaded home in whole or in Part from one or the other Presidency as shall be mutually agreed upon between you and the President and Council at Fort William according to Times and Circumstances, in the mean time We earnestly recommend your forwarding the Chesterfield and Walpole to Bengal with all convenient Dispatch.

6. You were informed in our last Letter that the Ships Marlborough Stormont and Godolphin would bring you about Two hundred and ten Recruits for our own Forces but upon comparing the Lists by the said Ships you will find they fall short of that number by about Forty-four which has been unavoidably owing to the Great demand for Men for his Majesty's Troops in Great Britain.

7. The Recruits by these Ships Chesterfield and Walpole will amount to One hundred and forty men if We can possibly Raise that Number and as they are intended for our Presideney at Fort William where the Garrison is extremely weak in Europeans We most earnestly recommend it to you not only to Forward them accordingly but to Spare as many from the Forces on the Choromandel Coast as circumstances can possibly admit of.

8. Having received a very Satisfactory character of Major James Kilpatrick at present employed in our Forces on the Coast of Choromandel, We have entertained him to serve the Company as Commander and Major of our Forces in Bengal and Fixed Third in Council at Fort William with the same appointments as have been Agreed to between us and the late Majors of that Presidency and those now of yours and Bombay Presidencys, We have enclosed a Commission in the Chesterfields Packet which you are immediately to deliver to him and press his Proceeding to Bengal by the first good Conveyance that offers, which We recommend his doing altho' the Chesterfield should not arrive so soon as the Walpole and in such case the Commission must be sent after him.

9. Application having been made to us in (sic) behalf of one Edward Brown late a Seaman on board our ship the Swallow to be considered for the Loss of his Eye in assisting to quell the Slaves who attempted to Seize her when at Madagascar, We have agreed to allow him in consideration of his said service and Misforture the Sum of Thirty Pounds, and as it is alledged the said Brown is now at Fort S^t^. George, you are to pay him that sum out of our Cash taking care to be satisfied of the Indentity of the Person, and to transmit his Receipt to us.

10. In our last Letter you were Directed to call down Mr. Boddam from Vizagapatam, and not to establish any Person in the Chiefship until our further Pleasure was signified to you, We are now to inform you that Mr. John Andrews has been strongly recommended as a Person who from a long Experience in the Companys Service, and his Particular Knowledge of the several Species of Goods provided at the Northern Settlements in which he has been conversant for many years past, to be very proper to be entrusted with the Management of our Affairs at that Settlement if therefore there is no other of our Covenant Servants more proper and whose Abilitys and Experience can better be relied on We would have you appoint to and Establish Mr. Andrews in the Chiefship of Vizagapatam.

11. Mr. Robert Sloper having been likewise recommended to us as a Man of Capacity and Experence in the Companys Affairs if therefore there is no other of our Covenant Servants more proper and whose abilitys and Experence can better be relied on for the Station of Chief at Maddapolam We would have you appoint him to that Chiefship upon Mr. Andrew's removal to Vizagapatam.

12. Mr. Charles Frederick Noble mentioned in the 145th Paragraph of our General Letter of the 19th of December last to be appointed a Factor upon the Fort Marlborough Establishment takes his Passage to Fort St. George on the Chesterfield you must agreeable to what we then directed accommodate him with a Passage at his own Expence by the first Conveyance and send the necessary advice to that Settlement of his said appointment.

13. In the year 1752 We sent you a sett of Brass Standard Weights to regulate your Lead and Iron Weights by at Fort St. George, We now send you by the Walpole another Sett with proper Scales and Triangles which are to be constantly kept at Fort St. David for the same purpose at that Settlement.

14. We desire to be informed of the behaviour of the Cadets sent from hence and if they deserve Promotion, We direct they have Ensigns Commissions as Vacancys shall happen after the Officers are provided for, that arrived before or by the Ships of this Season.

15. The Great debasement of the Quality of your Cloths in General, and the continued Advances of the Prices thereof is now so sencibly felt that We see a Necessity of taking some necessary Measures to put a stop thereto, Though we have been exposed to like Evils in our Bengal Investment, The Advantages We have reaped for these Two years past in stopping the Great Advance of Dadney, and having no longer Contracts with the Merchants there, by sending of Gomastahs to make Purchases at the Aurungs, Induce us to think that some Attempts of the like Nature on your Coast may be attended with very Beneficial Consequences to the Investment there, The Encouragement given to Weavers to settle within the limits of Calcultta, have been also found Advantageous to the Company and as We are informed that a large District in or about Fort St. Davids might be assigned for the same Purposes, However averse the Merchants may be to an Attempt of that Nature, It seems to merit your Consideration, how far it may tend to keep your Merchants in order, Who by the Great advances made them and the reserve of large Ballances in their Hands, seem to carry on their own Trade at the Expense of the Company, and oblige you to take Goods bad in Quality, almost on their own Terms, Some attention must be also given to amend the Quality and reduce the Price of Cloths purchased at our Northern Factorys of Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Maddapollam, which Mr. Saunders whose Judgment We cannot doubt of represents to us to be very Feasible if attempted with Resolution to the amount of Five Pagodas ⅌ Corge ; on superfine Izzarees, Two Pagodas on fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda ⅌ Corge on Ordinary Sallampores &c. nor is it less necessary to think of some Cheeks on the Investments made there where the Chiefs seem to be the sole Merchants by a thorough Inspection and Examination of the Cloths sent down to Madrass, which We apprehend to have been frequently done so late, that they have been shipped for Europe without any Examination at all of their Quality, or how they answered to the Musters which our Export Ware-house-keeper or his Assistants are supposed to be always furnished with.

16. As the Immense Charges of your Presidency greatly exceed its Revenues, there remains at present scarce any other Advantage to the Company, than what arises from their Investment to Europe, How that hath fallen short our Letters of late have but too well set forth, and makes it absolutely necessary that a Committee should be appointed of three or more Gentlemen, the most capable of Judging of this Material Branch of the Companys Affairs, to Think of and Report to you what methods may be most conducive to the Salutary ends of Reducing the great Advances to the Merchants, as well as the high Price of many articles of our Investment, of improving the Qualities thereof and giving Encouragement to Weavers to settle within our Limits, and We do Strictly enjoin you to appoint such a Committee and Report their Opinion to us, together with your own Observations thereon by the first Opportunity.

Concerning the Charter and Courts Martial.

17. We shall now consider your Observations upon the Charter for holding of Courts of Justice and also of the Method of Summoning and proceeding at Courts Matrial under the late Act of Parliament.

18. In the 129 Paragraph of your general Letter of the 10th November 1754 you mention the appointment of Mr. Fairfield to Fort St. Davids and that by a Letter from the Mayors Court it seemed to be implied that he had by their Permission resigned his Office of one of the Aldermen of that Court, This Matter was as we believe represented in one of your former Letters and by our General letter of 31st January 1755. Paragraphs 111 @ 114 we gave you our sentiments thereon to which we refer you.

19. The 130 Paragraph in your aforesaid Letter and the Packett referred to No. 64 relate to a dispute between the Mayors Court and the Court of Appeals in a cause between Hodjee Abdullah Saib and Pallum Cooty Chitty wherein it is stated that the Mayors Court under the former Charter had made a Decree which was appealed to the then Court of Appeals, and that notwithstanding such Appeal the new Mayors Court were proceeding to enforce the old Decree which you apprehend to be contrary to the present Charter as all Causes which were pending in the former Court of Appeals are (by virtue of a Clause in the Surrender of the old Charter) pending in the new, We shall not enter into the Circumstances of this case which are particular, as it seems to be admitted that all the Proceedings in the former Court of Appeals are lost and shall only observe that all our former Courts of Justice were erected by separate and distinct grants in one and the same Charter or Letters Patent.

20. That in the surrender of our former Charter and in the Grant of the Present it is recited that for the reasons therein mentioned all powers Granted for holding of Courts of Justice in Civil causes at Fort St. George were extinguished and determined, and it is further recited that there were defects in the former Charter and that they might be amended and that there might be an uniformity in the proceedings and Administration of Justice in all the Courts the Company Surrendered to his Majesty their former Charter and all powers granted thereby for the holding of Courts of Justice at their several Settlements but as the Courts of Justice at Bengal and at Bombay had met with no interruption and were not dissolved as that at Fort St. George was and it being

known that many Causes must necessarily be depending both at Bengal and Bombay so the clause in the Surrender was incerted that none of the Causes which at the arrival of the present Charter were depending should be abated but should be proceeded upon under the new Charter in the same manner as they might have done under the old one this must be understood to have relation only to Bengal and Bombay where the Courts were actually subsisting but could not have any to Fort S^{t}. George where the Charter and all the Powers and authorities granted thereby are expressly mentioned to be ceased and determined and where there was not therefore or could not be any Cause depending at the time the new Charter should arrive as there was not any Court of Judicature then existing there, For this reason the present Mayors Court should not have attempted to carry the Decree of the former Mayors Court into Execution as no such Cause was depending either before the Mayors Court or Court of Appeals neither of these Courts being subsisting at the arrival of the new Charter, The method the Mayors Court should have taken was to have directed the Parties to have commenced a fresh Suit and the Court should then have made a Decree upon the merits and in that case if either party was aggrieved an Appeal would properly have laid to the present Court of Appeals and thus the Cause would have been in a proper and regular course for determination.

21. We have received a Letter from the Mayors Court dated 7th January 1755, Copy whereof you receive herewith desiring our opinion and direction upon several matters.

22. A direct application to us from the Mayors Court we do not approve and therefore We desire for the future they will upon these occassions address themselves to our President and Council from whom they may perhaps receive satisfaction in most of their enquirys, and that whatever may be found necessary to be transmitted to us may come thro' your Channel attended with your Sentiments & observations for our better government and direction.

23. In their first Paragraph they desire to have that part of the Charter altered which excludes them from the conusance of Suits between the Indian Natives, This We have already answered in our general Letter of the 31st January 1755 under the Paragraphs from 103 to 109.

24. The second Paragraph relates to Insolvent Debtors. This is a matter in which We can give no relief and in some instances the case of such Persons may be hard yet in general where they have behaved well and their misfortunes are rather owing to accident than misbehaviour they commonly meet with good treatment and humanity from their creditors but be that as it will nothing but the authority of Parliament can remedy this evil and this we shall not attempt.

25. In their 3rd and 4th Paragraphs they desire our opinion in what manner Executors or Administrators should charge a Commission upon Deceased Estates.

26. By the Law of England no Commission can be allowed to Executors or Trustees upon either the gross or net proceed of deceased's Estates and yet in many and perhaps in most cases In the East Indies it may be reasonable and for the advantage of the Estate that a Commission should be charged upon the Net proceeds, but as we are satisfied no Commission can be allowed by Law we cannot give any directions concerning it, the best method that occurs to us for

the settling this matter whenever a proper subject occurs, is that the Parties commences a Suit in the Mayors Court to be releived against a Commission charged and the Defendant in such Suit should by his Answer insist upon the justice of his demand and the reasons for his so doing and by examination of a sufficient number of Witnesses shew the reason and necessity of it and that it is and has been the common usage and Practice and for what time it has been so from this Decree it may be appealed so as finally to bring the Cause before the King in Council, and the Decree that shall there be made will serve as a President for your future Government.

27. The 5th Paragraph of the Letter from the Mayors Court relates to their making of Orders for limitation of the time for bringing and commencing of Actions and Suits in that Court We are sensible that many inconveniencies arise from Persons being at liberty to bring Actions for stale demands, but we are advised that the Law has left every one at liberty to sue for his demand at any distance of time and that it is not in the power of any Court of Justice by any Rule or order to confine any Person to a fixed time for the bringing of his action to recover his right, Thus it continued till the 21st James. 1st when an Act was made which is called the Statute of Limitations which shews that no such restraint could be imposed upon the subject by any less authority than Parliament and therefore we cannot carry it further than the Legislature has thought fit to do, and this Act is in force at our Settlement and the Mayors Court must conform to it.

28. By the 6th paragraph the Mayors Court propose to hear Causes not exceeding twenty pagodas nor less than five in a summary way and refer to an order 5th June 1733 made by the former Mayors Court.

29. We were in hopes the erecting of a Court of Request would have fully Answered the purposes for which it was instituted If the sum of which that Court has conusance is not so large as might be wished it is not in our power to extend it further, and the Mayors Court in all Causes that come before them must proceed according to the Rules directed by the Charter tho' the matter in question does not exceed twenty Pagodas.

30. In your general Letter of 10th March 1755 Paragraph 58 you take notice of our former instructions relating to the manner of holding Courts Martial and that no Officer will sit as President without a written order.

31. The instructions we first sent you, we had from the Deputy Secretary at War and upon Receipt of your Letter We again advised with him and he and the Judge Advocate having considered of the matter have given us their direction in writing which is as follows :—

" Regularly there must be an Order in Writing from the President "and Council or Commander in Chief thereunto authorized for holding general "Courts Martial which Order should be produced to the Court. For the Power "being originally delegated from the Crown by the Sign Manual and in the second "instance transferred by the Court of Directors under the Seal of the Company "should be conveyed to the Court Martial by an act of like Solemnity. A "general order to the Judge Advocate to Summon Courts Martial from time to "time describing the Rank and Rotation of the Members and authorising the "Courts so Summoned to proceed to the Tryal of any Offenders brought before

"them might perhaps suffice and in that case the Judge Advocate might take "verbal directions for the particular occasion of Summoning them because he "alone is Answerable and the Court should be obliged to proceed under The "general Order but the usual Practice and that which seems least liable to excep-"tions is for the Commander in Chief duly authorized to issue a Warrant for "that particular purpose as often as occasion requires a General Court Martial "to be held specifying the matters to be Tryed in which is also incorted the "name or description of the Officer appointed to precide and this Warrant may "be directed either to the Judge Advocate or the President possibly the former "may be more advisable as the Judge Advocate is charged with transmitting "the proceedings to the Person by whose Warrant or Authority the Court is "held and mention is to be made in the Title or Preamble of the Proceedings to "the effect following viz[t] ".

"At a general Court Martial held at............................. .... the... Day of ....1755 by virtue of a Warrant from——(the President and Council of the Settlement or the Commander in Chief as the case may be) bearing Date the ....Day of the same Month & c[a]".

32. In the 66 Paragraph of the same Letter you take notice of a representation from the Court of Requests apprehending a want of members to execute the Duty of it as the Court is not impowered by fine or otherwise to compel Persons chosen Commissioners to accept that Office and as the Charter is silent with regard to any power of imposing Fines upon Persons refusing the same We are doubtful whether we can impose any but as the serving that employment is of consequence to our Settlement so we desire you will let all Persons in our Service understand that as they expect our favour or countenance we shall require them to accept this Duty as the Public has a right to their service for the general good of the whole and if any Person being chosen thereto refuse to accept and do the duty of the employment not having a reasonable excuse to the contrary to be approved and allowed by you We desire you will transmit to us the Names of such Persons that we may shew our resentment at such refusal.

33. In the Paragraph last mentioned you desire our opinion whether an Alderman is from this Office exempt from serving as a Commissioner of the Court of Request an Alderman as such is not exempted or disqualified from serving as a Commissioner of the Court of Request but we are of opinion in general that unless necessity or some very particular reason should require it that an Alderman should not be called upon to serve as a Commissioner and that his discharging his duty as an Alderman should be considered as contributing a sufficient part of his time to the service of the Publick.

34. In your Consultation of the 28th February 1755 You take Notice of a Letter and Order of the Mayors Court relating to the depositing sundry effects belonging to the Estate of Solomon Salomons and that nobody had then appeared to receive them which occasioned delays that might be attended with bad consequences which they desire may be avoided in future.

35. This case is not clearly stated and we are therefore at a loss what directions to give. It does not appear to us how the Mayors Court became possessed of these effects but supposing that by Any means whatsoever Any

effects should come into Possession or under the direction of the Mayors Court and there should be no cause depending before the Court, and the Court for safe Custody should think proper to have them deposited with our effects they may make an Order to the following effect, vizt.,

In the matter of the Estate of Solomon Salomons Then by way of introduction to the order state the matter of the fact and the particulars to be deposited and that nobody appeared to take charge of them. It is ordered that the Register (for any other officer of the Court) Do with the privity of the Accountant General deposit the said effects specifying them with the Cash and effects of the Company to be placed to the Credit of the Mayors Court in the matter of the Estate of Solomon Salomons subject to the further order of this Court.

An order to this effect we apprehend will answer all the purposes desired by the Mayors Court in all cases that can offer of the like kind.

SUPPLEMENT.

36. The method of collecting our consulage at Calcutta upon Goods exported having for a long time appeared to us very irregular and being of Opinion that it is reasonable Goods imported there ought in some degree to contribute towards defraying our Expences, from which contrary to the Practice of all other our Settlements they have hitherto been exempted, We have given Directions to the President and Council of Fort William to appropriate the Companys House, for the more regular Collecting the Duty upon Exports, as likewise a Duty of One ℔ Cent upon Goods imported, The articles We intend to be Subject to the said Import Duty of One ℔ Cent are those that have always been introduced to Calcutta Custom free, such are all Goods, all Liquors and Necessarys directly from England, All Goods directly from China, Mocha, Juddah, Manilha, Batavia, Malacca Zeloan, the Mallabar Coast, the Coasts of Sumatra, Borneo and Mozambique, the Maldives and all Places that do not pay Us or Our Residents a Custom or Consulage (But it is not our intention Gold or Silver either in Bullion or Coin shall pay any Duty) and the Proof that we require is that the Custom Master or Chief at any of our Settlements, from whence the Goods are brought shall Signify that they have paid the Company or their Resident a Duty, and this Certificate produced to the Consulage Master at Fort William, shall be an Exemption but not else.

37. The said Import Duty of One ℔ Cent is to be levied by our Consulage Master at the Company's House, the value of the said imports to be ascertained in the same manner as that of the Export Duty or Consulage, unless the President and Council at Fort William can think of a better method, all Goods whatever to be Exported are to be brought to and shipped off at the Companys House, and there only, on penalty of Forfeiture, one third to the Informer and Two thirds to the Company, and all Goods imported are to be Subject to the same Forfeitures, if Landed at any other Place.

38. We have thought it necessary to give you the beforegoing Information, that all Persons Trading to Calcutta may conform thereto, and in particular to take care to procure the required Certificates for all such articles as have paid Consulage or Customs to the Company or their agents at Fort St. George or any of the Subordinate Settlements and you must take care to give due Notice of these our Orders to all your Subordinate Settlements.

39. Mr. Joseph Hurlock late Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough has presented a Certificate drawn upon us by the Supravisor and Council for Five thousand Two hundred Spanish Dollars dated the 6th January, 1755, which We are therein desired to pay unto the said Mr. Joseph Hurlock or Order provided We disapprove of the Refund the Supravisors have made him accountable for the Company; upon examining the Supravisors and General Letters, also the Consultations relating thereto We find, the circumstances relating to the said Refund to be, That the Supravisors remarked the Arrack License let for Two thousand and forty Dollars ℔ Annum more than it produced before, and as they say that Farm might have yielded as much as it then let for during both Mr. Hindley and Mr. Hurlock's Government and in fact did, the rest being applied to private purposes they insisted on the difference being refunded amounting in all to Fifteen Thousand Eight hundred and Ten Spanish Dollars, and that they had accordingly presented Bills to the Trustees of the said two Gentlemen for their respective proportions, We find, Mr. Hurlock's Trustees paid into cash the Sum of Five thousand Two hundred Spanish Dollars for which the said Certificate was given on the condition therein expressed, but We have not hitherto accepted, that Certificate for payment and indeed We are at a loss to know how to act as the Supravisors have not supported their Charge upon Mr. Hurlock by proper Proofs, you must therefore acquaint Mr. Walsh and Mr. Pybus (if he is returned to Fort St. George) as likewise the Council at Fort Marlborough that they must send us an explicit Account of the whole of the Transaction relating to the Refund mentioned and particularly of the manner of putting up to Sale the Arrack Farm on which the Claim is grounded, together with their Depositions upon Oath, as likewise of all such other Persons as knon anything of this transaction that We may have full proof of what may be justly demanded of Mr. Hurlock, all which must be done as soon as possible that We may receive them by the first Conveyances, As it may be necessary that the several Persons concerned may be informed what Mr. Hurlock alledges in his Justification, We send you herewith a Copy of a Memorial which he presented to us on the occasion dated the 11th of July last.

40. Hostilitys are still carried on between the British and French Nations in America, His Majestys Ships continue to take there as well as in Europe all the ships of that Nation they meet with by way of Reprizals, great Numbers of which now lay in the several Ports of His Majestys Dominions but none are yet condemned, The French are using their utmost Diligence to Fitt out a great Marine Force and are drawing down to the Sea Coasts Numbers of their Troops with which they threaten an Invasion, The British Nation on the other hand were never better prepared to Baffle their attempts as well as protect it's Honour and Trade than at this time both by Land and Sea, Notwithstanding all this no Declaration of War is made by either Nation, no Commissions for Privateers or Letters of Marque have been issued or granted here, nor are We informed that any have been issued on the Part of France, all British Merchant ships were suffered to go in and come out of their Ports without any hinderance or molestation until the end of last Month when it is said all the English Vessells at Dunkirk (about Nine small ones in the whole) were stopt, but We do not hear whether the like has been done in the other Ports of that Kingdom, or that they have made any other Reprisals in Europe since the commencement of the present Differences, It cannot well be imagined that affairs will remain long in this Situation therefore in all Events you must stand well upon your Guard.

41. Since writing the beforegoing advices have been received, That the French Kings Orders were published at Dunkirk, for all British subjects to quit his Dominions before the 1st of next month except such as may obtain his Permission to remain, another Edict was Published inviting his subjcts to fit out Privateers promising a Premium of Forty Livres for every Gun and as much for every man they take on board our Ships with a further Promise, that in case peace should be concluded soon, the King will Purchase the said Privateers at their Prime Cost.

We are,
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

London 11th February 1756.

R. DRAKE.
P. GODFREY.
JOHN PAYNE.
R. BOOTLE.
J. RAYMOND.
WHICHCOTT TURNER.
THOS. PHIPPS.
BOB JONES.
HY. CRABB BOULTON.
JOHN DORRIEN.
JOHN MANSHIP.
HENRY PLANT.
WILL BARVELL.
LAU. SULLIVAN.
THO . ROUS.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
MAXIMN WESTERN.
CHA. GOUGH.
HENY. SAVAGE.
JOHN BOYD.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
CHRISTR. BURROW.

No. 14.

Madeira the 19*th* *March*, 1756.

To the Honourable President & Council at Fort St. George on the Coast of Choromandel.

Gentlemen,

God Willing this you will receive by Capt. Alexander Mc.Cleod Commander of the Marlborough, By whom we send orders from the Honourable United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies to Ship for Their accompts to your Consignation One Hundred & fifty pipes of Wine & the like quantity to the consignation of the President & Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Accordingly we send you inclosed bill of Loading for one hundred & fifty pipes of wine to your consignation as also Invoice of their cost & charges amounting to 8959 ₰ 925rs. and annexed thereto Invoice of the cost & charges of the one hundred and fifty pipes consigned to The President & Council at Fort William in Bengal amounting also to 8959 ₰ 925 rs. In both invoices are included the cost and charges of the staves & hoops sent us by the said Company & at cost of..have stated their Accompt Current for your government & ct. you have likewise the Accot of the staves & hoops sent us from time to time, in order to creditt them at once the full vallue of the wines to your address.

The last Vintage proving some what larger than the preceeding one has enabled us to purchase these wines at 22rs. ₰ pipe cheaper than those sent last year by the Hardwicke & as they are of the best growth dont doubt but will give entire satisfaction.

The Court of Directors in their Letter transmitted to us a Certificate of the gauge of the 160 pipes wine consigned you in the year 1754 by the St. George whereby perceive you make a considerable dificiency in the Number of Gallons they ought to have contain'd, which at the same time it gives us inexpressible concern, we must confess surprizes us greatly as we can affirm to you that we always give strict orders to our Coopers to make them 115 gallons rather more than less by the Diagonal rod, being what is made use of here, & which by long experience we find answer with the Gallon potts; However to prevent any thing of the like nature in the parcell now send you, we requested of Captn. Mc., Cleod to suffer his Purser & Covnet (the latter of which was brought in the wine trade) to...........................

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.... they find one, with the other to hold their proper measure & therefore flather ourselves you'll have no farther cause for Complaint. Heartily wishing the bearer a safe & quick passage to you & with the greatest reguard remain

Gentlemen

Your Most obedient and Most Humble Servants,

Chambers, Hiccox & Chambers.

No. 15.

OUR SUPRAVISOR AND COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

No. 1. Our Letter last Season went in Duplicates by the Prince George and Exeter, under Date of the 27th of November 1754, it was directed to the Deputy Governour and Council, upon the supposition that both the Supravisors had Executed the Commission they were entrusted with, and were returened to Fort St. George, but with a Provision, that if the Supravisorship was not finished, it was to be looked upon in the same manner as if addressed to the Supravisor on the Spot, The Last Letters received as well from Fort Marlborough, as the Presidency, leave no reason to doubt, but that Letter fell into the hands of Mr. Pybus accordingly, and that he will likewise be there on the arrival of the Oxford which brings this Letter.

2. The several Letters which have come to Our hands from the West Coast since the date of Ours as abovementioned, were received by the Ships Dragon, Grantham and Elizabeth, as follows vizt. By the Dragon on the 15th of February 1755, a Letter from Mr. Pybus Supravisor dated the 5th of April 1754, a General Letter dated the next day from the Supravisor and Council and One of the 13th of the same month from the Resident at Manna. By the Grantham on the 5th of June, a General Letter dated the 10th January 1755 with a Separate Letter from the Supravisor of the 14th of the same month, and Lastly by the Elizabeth which arrived on the 4th of August a General Letter and the Supravisors Letter, both dated the 7th of March, with a letter from the Resident of Manna of the 12th of March.

3. As it appears by the said Letters, as well as by advices from the President and Council of Fort St. George, that the Surpravisorship has been attended with the good consequences we expected from it, by detecting many abuses and laying a Foundation for carrying on our Business for the future with economy, Industry and Integrity, We think it necessary that Mr. Pybus do continue to act in his character of Supravisor until he leaves the West Coast (which is to be by the first conveyance that offers for Fort St. George, as is more, particularly mentioned under the Sixth Head) That the Rules & Regulations which have been made may be the better and more effectually carried into Execution and Established, during such his Residence on the West Coast, he is, in General Affairs to carry on Business with the rest of the Council, in the manner he has hitherto done, but He, as well as they, are at all times strictly to attend to, and follow all such Orders and Directions as shall be given by the President and Council of Fort St. George your Superiours.

4. Such a strict Dependancy upon and Subordination to the Pesidency at Fort St. George as is directed by these, and Our former commands, will best answer the purposes of the Company, not only in preventing the diverting our attention from many other material Concerns, but as being the most natural and easy method for conducting our Affairs on the West Coast, and more particularly so on account of the frequent opportunitys that offer for carrying on the necessary Correspondence, and receiving speedy directions for your conduct on all occasions, These have been always our Sentiments, and

the late Proceedings of the President and Council of Fort S^t^. George confirm us in our opinion of the rectitude of them, for it appears by their Letters to you, particularly that of the 21st of October 1754, that they have so fully entered into all your Affairs and management, and have made such Observations, and given you their Directions thereupon with so much care & Judgement, that they have properly left us little to observe upon your advices now before us, however what we have to say, as well as the necessary Informations and Directions will be ranged in the usual Method and

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

5. The accompanying List will inform you of the times of the Departure of the several Ships from hence since We transmitted you the last List, as likewise of the happy arrival of all those of this Season, which are more in number than We could reasonably have expected.

6. All Orders, Directions and Instructions, which shall be given by the Secret Committee for the time being, must be strictly observed by the Supravisor or Deputy Governour for the time being, or whoever else they are directed to, The Gentlemen who compose that Committee the Present Season are, Roger Drake, Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow, John Payne and Jones Raymond Esquires.

7. The Ships taken into the Company's Service this season are as follows Viz^t^.

Ships.	*Tons.*	*Commander.*	*Consignment.*
HARCOURT	499	WILLIAM WEBBER	For China directly.
GRIFFIN	499	THOMAS DETHICK	S^t^. Helena & Limpao in China.
CAERNARVON	499	NORTON HUTCHINSON	Fort S^t^. George & China.
STORMONT	499	JOSIAH HINDMAN	Fort S^t^. George & China.
SUFFOLK	499	WILLIAM WILSON	Fort S^t^. George & China.
GODOLPHIN	499	WILLIAM HUTCHINSON	Fort S^t^. George & China.
OXFORD	499	THOMAS STEVENS	S^t^. Helena & Bencoolen.
CHESTERFIELD	499	EDWIN CARTER	Coast and Bay.
WALPOLE	499	FRANCIS FOWLER	Coast and Bay.
DELAWAR	425	THOMAS WINTER	Coast and Bay.
MARLBOROUGH	499	ALEXANDER MACLEOD	Madeira.
HECTOR	499	JOHN WILLIAMS	Persia & Bombay.
CLINTON	499	JOHN NANFAN	Bombay.
ROYAL DUKE	490	GEORGE CUMING	Bombay.
PORTFIELD	400	CARTERET LEGEYT	Bombay.

8. The several Setts of Supra Cargos appointed this season to conduct our Affairs in China, are Viz[t].

For the Ships Stormont & Godolphin Mess[rs]. Thomas Shore, John Searle, Stephen Devisme, and Joseph Harrington.

For the Harcourt from hence and the Houghton expected from the Mallabar Coast, Mess[rs]. Edward Phipps, Richard Wood, Robert Macket[t] and John Hull.

For the Caernarvon and Suffolk Mess[rs]. Frederick Pigou, Thomas Lockwood, Richard Peisley and Francis Kinnersley who are now in China.

For the Ship Griffiin stationed for Limpao Mess[rs]. Thomas Fitzhugh, James Flint both now in China and Benjamin Torin who proceeds from hence, but if it happens that the said Ship does not proceed to Limpao, but shall be under the necessity of Loading home from Canton, in such case the Supra Cargos are to be Mess[rs]. Phipps, Harrington, Devisme and Torin.

For such Ship or Ships as shall or may arrive at Canton in the year 1756 destitute of Supra Cargos, Mess[rs]. Shore, Phipps, Wood, Searle, Mackett, Harrington, Devisme and Hull.

No Supra Cargos are to stay in China the year round having for good reasons dropt that Practice, for the present at least, so that there will be none at Canton in the year 1757, untill the arrival of such as shall proceed from hence next season.

9. The Griffin for S[t]. Helena and Limpao and the Delawar for Fort S[t]. George were dispatched from hence the 15th of October, and sailed from Spithead on the 31st of that Month, the Oxford for S[t]. Helena and the West Coast of Sumatra, the Harcourt directly for Canton, the Stormont, Godolphin, Caernarvon and Suffolk for Fort S[t]. George and Canton, also the Marlborough for Madeira, Fort S[t]. George and Bengal, are all now under Dispatch. The Chesterfield and Walpole for Fort S[t]. George and Bengal will follow the beginning of February, and the Bombay Ships about the usual time. This is the Publick Destination of our Shipping which may be deviated from as circumstances require, and the several Commanders will be accordingly under such orders & Directions from the Secret Committee, as shall be judged necessary, for their Security in the present situation of Affairs between the British and French Nations.

10. The Governour and Council at S[t]. Helena are ordered to expedite the Delivery of the Cargo consigned to them on this ship the Oxford, and to forward her to you as soon as possible that she may arrive on the West Coast in good time to be employed in collecting the Pepper from the several Settlements, and be return'd to Great Britain without incurring any Demorage, if it can be avoided.

11. You are to give the Oxford her Charterparty Tonnage, together with the usual addition for making good Deficiencies in weight at least, and as much more Pepper as can be spared, consistent with making a sufficient Reserve for such Ship as may, in consequence of our General Directions for some time past, arrive from Fort S[t]. George or Bengal, to take in your Surplus Pepper, in which you are to be guided by the advices you will doubtless receive from our Presidents and Councils of those Settlements.

12. To prevent any disappointment we have given notice to both Presidencys (as we now do to you) that we have not this season ordered any Ship to call upon the West Coast to take in Pepper for China, as was done last year in respect to the Prince George, and have given the necessary Directions to the Presidents and Councils of each Settlement to concert together proper Measures for sending a Ship to take in the surplus Pepper remaining after the Oxford is provided for, in time to prevent the danger of the loss of her Passage home.

13. You must make it a Standing Rule, to observe very carefully whether the Commanders of our Europe Ships loiter or misspend their time, and whether any Defects in their Ships, or the Negligence and Inability of the Commanders Officers and Ship's Company retard their Voyages, and particularly if they do not proceed on their Voyages to Great Britain immediately upon your giving them their Final Dispatches, in any of the said Instances, you are to make regular Protests against them, that we may avail ourselves in having ample satisfaction either from the Owners of such Ships, the Commanders or both.

14. If on the beforementioned or any other occasions, you shall come to a Resolution to Protest against any of the Commanders of the Companys Ships, such Protests must be delivered the same day, or at furthest the day after such Resolution is come to, taking notice of the delivery of the same upon your Consultations.

15. Being frequently at a Loss in adjusting accounts with the Owners of our Shipping, for want of proper accounts, Papers and vouchers, you are therefore to observe it as a Standing Rule in future, that an Account Current be stated between the Company and the Owners of Every Europe Ship that shall arrive upon the West Coast, in which you are to charge all Money and Stores supplied (mentioning the times when) also all Goods damaged and wanting, and you are to Credit the said Account for every Sum of money paid by the Commander, on the Account of his Owners and you are in general to Debt [Sic] or Credit the said Accounts for every other money Transaction, which may pass between the Company and the respective Commanders on their owner's behalf, and We further direct, that Three accounts of the Same Tenour and Date be drawn out for each Ship, and signed by your Accountant, Two of which are to be transmitted to us by the first Conveyances (of which the Ship concerned is to be one) and the other is to be delivered to the Commander.

16. As We have given you the beforegoing Directions how to act with regard to our Europe Ships, if the Commanders loiter away and mispend (sic) their time, the like must be observed when any Ships are sent on the Company's Account from Fort S^t^. George, and all the necessary Informations thereupon sent to the President and Council, what principally gives occasion to these last Directions, are, the Complaints you make against Captain Burman of the Prince George, of which we make no doubt proper Notice has been taken at the Presidency more especially as we find that Ship is destined chiefly for the Service of the West Coast.

17. We must leave it to the Presidency to contrive and fix upon the best methods, in conjunction with our servants in Bengal, for sending a Ship to take in your Surplus Tonnage, the time must in a great measure depend upon circumstances, and as We continually inculcate an early Dispatch for such Ship, to prevent her loosing her Passage, We are satisfied they will Endeavour to do their best.

18. We observe the difficulties you labour under for want of proper artificers and Materials, for repairing and keeping in good Condition your Vessells and Boats, as likewise what you say with regard to the Pay of your Marine People being but a bare Maintenance, both one and the other will properly fall under the notice of your Superiours, and we shall acquiesce with all reasonable allowances they shall think necessary to make, as well as the Methods they Plan out for the Management of your Vessells, upon your laying before them from time to time, true, and exact Representations of your Condition and Difficultys, and We are of Opinion they will not be at a loss to find out and send you proper People upon all reasonable Encouragements being promised them. At the same time we shall expect from you the utmost Care and Economy in the management of this Branch of Our Affairs, that the Expences attending it may be kept within as moderate Bounds as the nature and circumstances of the Service will admit.

Secondly of Goods from Europe, Fort S^T^. George &C^A^.

19. We send you by this Ship Twenty Chests of Treasure, but we have given the Governour and Council at S^t^. Helena leave, as usual, to detain One Chest, however, we are of Opinion they will not be under the necessity of making use of this Liberty, of which you will have more certain advice from them.

20. Our Island of S^t^. Helena being in want of a Great Quantity of Bulky Materials, has been the Occasion of Our sending thither Two Ships this year vizt. the Griffin and this Ship the Oxford, however as it has luckily happened that your Indent this Season has been moderate, We have been able pretty fully to comply with it, as you will observe by the Oxford's Invoice and Bill of Loading.

21. We have not complied with that part of your Indent for Spars, Yards and Sloop Booms, as we are satisfied you may supply yourselves with Poon or Teak, which will answer your Purposes as well in every respect.

22. Wood, Oyl and Dammer being full as proper for Paying Masts with as Turpentine, we therefore recommend the use of them in lieu of Turpentine.

23. In order for Our Forming a Judgment of what Articles are necessary to be sent and what omitted, you are to be very exact in distinguishing in your Indents the Particulars for use and Sale, and likewise to mention against every Article what use it is intended for.

24. In your Account of Remains you have been too general especially with regard to the Grape Shot, and Nails, the Nature and Sorts of which, as well as all other articles, must, for the future, be particularly distinguished.

25. Instead of Pewter Funnels which you write for, We have sent Copper, on a Supposition they will much better answer the intended Purposes and last longer.

26. As the Commanders of the Store ships never fail to call at Batavia in their way to the West Coast, as well on their own Private Accounts, as for the necessary Refreshments of their Ships Companys, We apprehend they will take in Rice, Timber, or any other Stores, on our Account, without the Ships incurring Demorage, provided they are ready to be shipped without loss of time, you may therefore lodge proper Orders at Batavia for that purpose, particularly with regard to Rice, if it is to be procured, as you alledge, so much (. . .) per there than from the Coast and Bay at the same time you must take particular

care you are not imposed upon by the Person or Persons you Commission to purchase such Stores, our reason for this Caution takes it's rise from what You represent with regard to some Plank and Boards received by the Grantham, and we shall expect to hear Mr. Garden has made due satisfaction for them.

27. The Governour and Council of Fort. S^t^. George will, from time to time, supply you with what they shall think necessary, and proper, as well for Trade, as the Necessitys of Our Settlements, upon your representing the same in your Indents and as to the manner of using and disposing thereof, you are to follow their Orders and Directions.

28. As we would in general have you act under the Direction of the Presidency, we refer it to them to fix the Prices of Naval, Military or other Stores supplied out of Our Stores to the Commanders of all Private Ships and Vessells, if they have not already done it, and in general the President and Council are to be your Directors, with regard to the Issues and Prices of all Goods and Stores wahtsoever, and here we must earnestly recommend it to you to keep a Vigilant Eye upon the behaviour of the Store-keepers for the time being, to prevent the shameful abuses they have, for some time past, been guilty of in the Execution of their Office, by the unjustifiable Gains they have made to themselves, in issuing Stores to the Natives and others at unreasonable and unwarranted Advances; It is with concern we must here observe that Mr. Combes (of whom we have hitherto had the highest opinion) should have been so far concerned in this Affair, and we cannot but concur with the President and Council of Fort S^t^. George in opinion, that he should refund his Gains equally with the other Store-keepers, and if he has not already done it, you are immediately to demand and recover the Same accordingly.

29. The Orders and Regulations in consequence of the Proceedings and Enquirys with regard to the several Deficiencies in our Stores, Materials for Buildings, and the various other Particulars which appear upon your Diarys, and are represented to us in your Letters, will, we hope, prevent all such Frauds and Abuses in future, provided a constant attention is had to the Behaviour of Our Servants in their various Stations, and a proper Resentment shewn upon the first Appearance of any the least Deviation from their Duty.

30. We would have you, from this time forward, supply our Governour and Council at S^t^. Helena with any quantitys of Sugar they shall Indent for, as likewise with Arrack without waiting for further Directions.

Thirdly of investments and fourthly of Country Government.

31. The encreasing the Investment of Pepper is the material Point in view for the Interest of the Company, and if a sufficient Quantity is not procured for full Loadings for Two Ships in a year at least, notwithstanding the greatest care and economy in your management, and the reduction of expences to the utmost Prudent Extent, we are satisfied our Settlements on the West Coast will be a continual Drain in our Estate, and here we must remind you of an Observation we made last year, That we had lost by them, upon an Average, for the Ten years preceding upwards of Three thousand Pounds a year, it was then mentioned, and we now repeat it with a view to excite your care and attention.

32. We had often mentioned our suspicions that the yearly Decrease in the Investment was owing to the Negligence of Our Servants, it now appears, from the Proceedings of the Supravisors, how well grounded they were, a Total Inattention and neglect from the Deputy Governour to the lowest Servant (some very few excepted) has run through their conduct and Behaviour in every Branch of Our Affairs, and very materially so in this important one, however it is with great pleasure We observe there is reason to expect, that the Regulations made by the Supravisors, together with a constant and careful carrying them into execution will have the expected Effects, by again restoring the Investment to its former Profitable condition.

33. The Rules and Regulations of the Supravisors on this Head, are so full and proper, and the Observations and Directions thereupon by the President and Council so explicit, that we have nothing more to direct, than that they be carefully observed, together with such others, as shall be approved of by the Presidency any way tending to promote the success of your Investment.

34. Although we avoid entering into Particulars (because that we expect will always be the Business of the Presidency) yet We must observe, that you have only withdrawn the Sillebar Residency, altho' some others seem to be as disadvantageous, let therefore a very particular Enquiry be made as to the Utility of all the other Settlements, and fairly and fully represented to your Superiours, that you may have their Directions for withdrawing such others as it shall evidently appear to them neither are, or it's likely will be worth the keeping.

35. The Tranquility of the Country is a material circumstance in favour of your Endeavours for restoring and Encreasing the Investment, and we hope it will be improved to the utmost, The Troubles which are apprehended on the death of the old Sultan, may, as is observed, by the Presidency probably be prevented by a timely interposition before the Spirit of War shews itself, and we shall expect to find that your Prudent Behaviour will preserve the Tranquility of the Country whenever that Event happens.

36. Should the Regulations made by the General and Council of Batavia, with regard to their Trade as Entered after your Consultation of the 28th of August 1754, operate in any respect to the detriment of our Company, you must give explicit and timely Informations thereof to your Superiours, that they may make the necessary Applications for redress at Batavia, or in failure of it there, to represent it in a proper manner to us to be laid before our administration if it is of a nature to require it.

37. It was a most notorious Presumption in our late Deputy Governour and Council to make a Settlement at Nattal without Ours or the Permission of their Superiours, and the more so, as it evidently appears it was purely undertaken for their own private advantage, covered over with a specious pretence of making an Investment of Pepper, it is now certain that no Pepper is to be had, that We have been drawn into disputes with the Dutch, and sadled with an heavy Expence, a scheme is indeed since formed for rendering this Settlement advantageous to the Company, and the Supravisors confirm it, which is, by reserving to the Company an exclusive Trade of Iron, Salt and Opium. and levying a custom on Goods imported there, as the Presidency have acquainted you the affair is gone too far to be retracted, and therefore permitted

the continuance of that Settlement, we must add that as the beforementioned scheme is your own, we shall expect that you will, with the Assistance and under the direction of your superiours, make it answer the Expectations you have given us of it,as well by clearing the Expences already incurred, as fully supporting the Settlement without charge to the Company in future, if We find you amuse us with Schemes that are not likely to have the desired Effect, We shall, in earnest, consider of evacuating a Settlement, that must be supported at the Expence of the Company for your Private Emolument only.

38. Although we should have been better pleased never to have had any disputes with the Dutch Company upon account of this Settlement, yet you are to support our claim to it with the most Solid Arguments and Reasons, expressed in Decent and respectful Terms, and you are to transmit to Fort S^t^. George, from time to time, a full account of your Proceedings, that they may send you the necessary Instructions for your conduct.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings & Revenues.

39. Whatever Repairs are absolutely necessary, and such Buildings as are materially wanted for Storehouses, Lodgings for our Servants, and other as necessary Purposes must be immediately set about, and completed in the best manner the assistance you have will permit, provided they are not attended with a great Expence, in which case, you are not to act without the Sanction of your Superiours, and you are directed to press them to send you some able and Experienced People, to design and assist in the carrying on your Works, expecially a Good Engineer if they can possibly spare one, Works of Defence, and other Expensive Ones must not be set about, unless you have express leave from the President and Council, but if you find any such are essentially and really necessary for the Defence of the Place, either Repairs or New Erections, you are to represent the Same in the fullest and clearest manner to them, who are empowered to give such Directions thereupon as the necessity of the case requires, if the waiting for our Commands may be attended with Dangerous Consequences.

40. The heavy Expences of Our Settlements on the West Coast ought in reason to be alleviated by all Persons who have the Benefit of trading under our Protection, and we shall leave it to our President and Council of Fort S^t^. George, to confirm or make such Regulations in your Trade and the Dutys, to be collected thereon, as they shall judge reasonable, and equitable, as well on behalf of Traders, as the Company, it not being in our Inclination or Intention, in any respect, to Cramp or distress you in a fair Trade. We observe you think yourselves hardly used by your Superiors, in some Rules laid down for your Guidance in their Letter of the 21st October 1754, We suppose you have made the necessary Remonstrances on the occasion, and must therefore wait till we see their Reply before we shall deviate from a Plan, which seems to have been concerted with great Care ; however we shall recommend it to the Serious Consideration of Our said President and Council, how far it may be expedient, not only to suffer you to Trade freely to all other of our Settlements, or any other Parts of India, but likewise to suffer any other of our Servants, or others, trading under our Protection, to have the like liberty upon the West Coast, provided effectual measures are fixed upon for the payment of Customs, and any other Dutys that shall be liable to be paid to the Company.

41. The Supravisors have detected a most notorious Piece of Injustice in the Sale of the Arrack Farm, by which we have suffered during the Governments of Mr. Hurlock and Mr. Hindley to the amount of Fifteen thousand eight hundred and ten Dollars, We shall depend upon your Integrity and Vigilance to prevent our suffering, in future, from such collusive Sales; We observe Eight hundred and forty Dollars ℔ annum used to be divided, out of part of this money, between the Secretary and Surgeon, and you leave us to determine how far they are entitled to a Consideration in that respect, the answer is so obvious you need not have put the Question, neither they or the Deputy Governours had a Right to one Dollar without our express Consent.

42. The President and Council of Fort S^t^. George, in their Letter of the 21st of October 1754, made some very just Remarks on your Manufactures of Sugar and Arrack, pointing out the prices of those Articles at Fort S^t^. George and Batavia, and inferring from thence, that the Profits arising from the Sales do not seem adequate to the undertaking, in your Letter to us of the 10th January last, you do, by way of answer to those Remarks, give a very advantageous View of the great Benefits which will probably flow from the prosecution of these Manufactures, We are willing to believe the Event will, in a good Degree, fall out agreeable to your Representation, and therefore do agree that all due Encouragement be given to them, in the Prosecution whereof you are to employ the greatest Care and Attention, and give an Account from time to time of every Step you take to your Superiours for their Information and further Instructions and directions.

Sixthly of Covenant Servants the Military and thier Accounts.

43. In compliance with your repeated and earnest Request for a Supply of Covenant Servants, We have appointed Eleven Factors on your Establishment, who will accordingly come to you by the Oxford, They are to take Rank in the order we now Name them, vizt., John Gayer, John Herbert, Hew Stewart, George Atkins, Robert Hutton, William Smith, John Milne, John Guild, Henry Russell, John Ambrose, Kelly and William King, as all of them have been brought up in, and used to Business, and come extremely well recommended to us, We have the greatest reason to believe they will prove good and useful Servants, and put you in a better condition to spare the several Wortheless ones, who have Trespassed so long on your Patience.

44. Upon their arrival make a particular Enquiry as to the usage they met with during their Passage, and give us a True Account whereof, that if it has not been such as it ought to be, we may shew a due Resentment against whoever shall appear to deserve it.

45. The number of Forty two Covenant Servants which you say are necessary for your Settlements, is very large, considering the little Business you have, in comparison with our Principal Settlements whose Complements bear no Proportion to yours, let those you have be well looked after, and we are confident a large Sum may be saved, in not employing (what we think to be) Supernumerary hands.

46. We have continually insisted upon our servants giving the usual Securitys according to their respective Stations, but our Injunctions have not been attended to by several whose names are mentioned in the accompanying List, if they do not get their Friends in England to give the usual securitys forthwith, we shall be under the necessity of proceeding to Extremitys.

47. Your several Letters since the arrival of the Supravisors are principally taken up in describing the Dishonesty Negligence and Inattention of our Servants almost in general, and in consequence the Confusion in every Branch of their Business, but we are in hopes, the Regulations which have been made will operate so effectually as to give us a more pleasing view for the future, We shall therefore throw a Vail (for the present at least) over the Transactions of some among them, in expectation that their future Behaviour will deserve our Confidence.

48. The death of your late Deputy Governour Mr. Hindley makes it unnecessary to say any thing further of him, than that the Fact he was charged with was so fully proved, that his Dismission was unavoidable.

49. We agree with the President and Council in their Remarks that Mr. Combe's Conduct, in regard to the Contract between Mr. Hindley and Mr. Hurlock justly exposes him to Censure, and we must add his concealing such a Transaction from the Court of Directors (notwithstanding his assertions to the contrary) as well as from the Presidency was highly blameable.

50. Mr. Masseys Conduct having been such, as renders it impossible to restore him to the Service, it will answer no purpose to continue him upon the West Coast at our Expence, therefore he must be sent to England by the first Conveyance and as he has delivered over his Effects to Trustees to make good his Deficiencys, the charge of his Passage is to be borne by the Company, if he is not in a condition to pay it himself.

51. Mr. Tottie appears to be a very unfit Person to be trusted any more by the Company, you must therefore recover what you can out of his Effects, to make good what he has embezzled out of our Cash in his Storekeeper's Employ, and you are to send him to England by the first Conveyance.

52. We find Bastian Smith, Samuel Kingston, John Ogier and Thomas Bright stand dismissed from our Service, for their Negligence and general bad Behaviour, it is true Smith and Ogier are mentioned with some degree of Favour, but we leave it entirely to you, to send all, or such of them as you shall think fit to England in the Oxford, that we may be put to no further Expence for such a Sett of useless People.

53. Although, we will, on no Account, give countenance to any Arbitrary Acts in you, or any of Our servants whatsoever, yet we will stand by you, in maintaining the Authority you are invested with for the Government of the rest of our Servants, if Mr. Hay continues to contest your reasonable Orders, in future, suspend him from our service, and take the Directions of your Superiours what further steps to pursue.

54. Henry Idell we find also has behaved in a very disobedient manner to the Supravisor and Board, in, for a long time, disputing the Payment of the overcharge on the Stores issued out to Private Persons & at last appealing

to the Presidency for Redress as an act of Injustice done to him, as we suppose the President and Council will make some Enquiry into his Case, We shall leave it to them to give such directions, with regard to Mr. Idell, as they shall judge proper.

55. It is impossible for us to give any direct commands upon such Complicated Affairs as the several deficiencies appear to be we can only say that we would have you adjust the Proportion to be paid by our respective Servants, in the most equitable manner with all the reasonable Allowances the several Cases will admit of; and we expect that the Regulations, in this respect, will be so punctually carried into Execution for the future, that no such Instances of Neglect may again come before Us.

56. The President and Council say, very properly, there are several circumstances in favour of the late Mr. Henry Coales with regard to the Deficiencies charged on his Estate, to which We expect a due attention will be given, and we agree with them, that the measures used to secure the Payment of the Amount were too severe and compulsive, and such as we hope will not be again repeated.

57. The President and Council have taken proper notice of that part of the Reduction of the Expences which relates to the Military, and we agree with them, that it is no ways adviseable (for the present at least) and therefore you are to follow all such directions, as they shall think proper to give, with regard to the necessary Force to be kept up for the preservation of our Settlements.

58. It is well the Presidency interposed by ordering you to abolish the Court of Justice, set up without any kind of authority, from hence or the Presidency, as it might have drawn us, as well as yourselves, into many Difficultys if it had been continued.

59. We have received your collection of Standing Orders, and upon a Perusal of them, we think there has not been a sufficient time employed to make them so compleat as they ought to be, you must therefore give them a review, and add all Standing Orders and Rules of conduct, which shall appear in the Letters from the Presidency Proceedings of Supravisors, from time to time, and your own Consultations, as well as from our Commands, which when compleated you must send us a Copy, so compleated for our Information.

60. We have paid to M^rs^. Mary Dumbleton, Attorney to Mr. Richard Wyatt the Husband of Eliz^th^. Wyatt late Greenhall, the Certificate drawn from Fort Marlborough the 21st December 1751 for Three hundred and fifty-six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, payable to the said Elizabeth out of which Capt. Fowler has been paid the Bill for One hundred and six pounds nine shillings and eleven pence which Mr. Wyatt, very improperly, drew upon our Secretary

61. Upon the application of M^rs^. Elizabeth Savage, Daughter and Administratrix of Mr. John Savage Deceased, some time since of the West Coast, praying that she may be paid what shall appear due to the Deceased's Estate, We referred the same to our Committee of Accounts, who having made a Report thereon, We transmit a copy to you, as likewise of the Request, and we

do the same to the Presidency, that you may mutually assist in adjusting the said account and writing off to Account Current London, what shall appear due thereon, after all the claims are settled, which must be done with all convenient Dispatch, that the Same may be paid here.

62. The Father of the Late Mr. John Saul, who died at Croee in the year 1753 Intestate, having been informed that his Son left Effects to some value, he has applied to us to desire that the Produce may be received into our Cash and remitted to him as soon as convenience will permit, You must therefore call upon the Trustees to that Estate to pay in the Produce accordingly, without further Delay, which done, you are to grant a Certificate for the same to be forwarded to Mr. John Saul the deceased's Father by the first conveyance.

63. You have been very irregular in drawing Certificates upon us payable to Mr. Hurlock for Five thousand two hundred Spanish Dollars, on condition that the Refund ordered by the Supravisors to be made by the said Mr. Hurlock (on account of the Fraud in the Arrack Farm) should not meet with our approval this awkara (sic) Step will occasion us a great deal of Trouble, which might probably have been prevented, had you received that money from his Attorney and carried it to account without Granting Certificates.

64. The Supravisors Messrs. Walsh and Pybus have discharged their Duty much to our satisfaction, more particularly the latter who by his continuance on the West Coast has been the better able to render the Regulations of more effect, by seeing them carried into Execution, and establishing them in a manner that, with Integrity and common Care, must operate greatly for the Benefit of the Company. Therefore to shew our sense of the Services and Behaviour of Mr. Pybus, We make him a Present of Four Hundred Pounds, which is to be paid him upon the Receipt of this out of our Cash, over and above his present Appointments as Supravisor.

65. And in consideration, of the Services of Mr. Walsh during the time he was upon the West Coast, We shall give Directions to the President and Council of Fort S^{t}. George to make him a Present of One hundred Pounds.

66. As there is no necessity for the continuance of the Supravisorship, Mr. Pybus is hereby directed to return to his Station at Fort S^{t}. George, by the very first safe Conveyance that offers without fail, but it is our Pleasure and Commands, however that until such Conveyance offers, and he accordingly leaves the Coast, that he do continue in his post of Supravisors with the Salary and Appointments annexed thereto in the manner he has already been paid them, and he is to preside in the Council until such his Departure.

67. We do hereby order and direct that upon the Receipt of this Letter the Council at Fort Marlborough be composed of the following Persons, in the Order they are named, notwithstanding any Dispositions to the contrary by the Presidency, at least until our further Pleasure is singified to you, vizt.

Mr. John Pybus, Supravisor, so long as he continues on the West Coast, as before mentioned :—

Mr. Thomas Combes.
Mr. Roger Carter.
Mr. Robert Jack.
Mr. Randolph Marriott.
Mr. Joseph Gunn.
Mr. Richard Preston.
Mr. Richard Wyatt.
Mr. Joseph Darvall.

68. And we do hereby further Order and direct, that upon Mr. Pybus's leaving the Coast, Mr. Thomas Combes do immediately take upon him the Post or Office of Deputy Governour, to which we promote him, from a thorough Sense of his abilitys to Serve the Company, and in confidence that we shall have no Occasion to animadvert upon any part of his Behavoiur in future.

69. We further Order and direct that in case of the death, or Absence of Mr. Thomas Combes, that Mr. Roger Carter do succeed to the Chair as Deputy Governour, and it is our further pleasure and Commands, That Mr. Robert Jack do never rise higher in the Council than the Third, but in case of Vacancys above his Station as Third, That the next Person below him do succeed thereto in turn until our further pleasure is known.

70. Mr. Combes's Salary and Appointments as Deputy Governour is to commence upon his succeeding to that Post before mentioned,and we do hereby agree to Re-annex thereto Salary of One hundred Pounds a year as Commander of the Company's Forces upon the West Coast of Sumatra, according to the Old Custom, and which we observe was not received by the Supravisors.

71. We are satisfied, from the Character given of our Chaplain Mr. O'Neil, That his longer continuance upon the West Coast be highly improper, and therefore, upon the Receipt of this Letter he is to be dismissed the Company's Service, and you are to take care that he proceeds to England, in the Oxford, or the first Conveyance that offers without fail, We are looking out for some Worthy Clergyman to succeed him, but as we are apprehensive We shall not be able to fix upon one in time to take his Passage on this Ship, you must, in the meantime, appoint one of Our Covenant Servants to read Prayers and Sermons in Publick in the manner formerly done on the like occassions for which a reasonable allowance is to be paid him.

72. Theophilus Gammon being recommeded to us as a Capable Carpenter We have Entertained him as such to serve upon the West Coast for the Term of Five Years at Thirty Dollars a month, in full consideration for Salary, Diet, and all other Allowances whatsoever, to commence upon his Arrival, and he accordingly takes his Passage in the Oxford.

SUPPLEMENT.

73. Since writing the beforegoing, We have Entertained Hallett Saunders at present a Free Merchant at Fort St. George or elsewhere to be a Factor at Fort Marlborough, and he is accordingly to take Rank next below William King as mentioned in the 43rd Paragraph, upon his arrival he is to execute the accompanying Covenants, which are to be then returned to us by the first Conveyance.

74. John Ambrose Kelly, One of the Factors mentioned in the said Paragraph, being in a bad and dangerous State of health, we have permitted him to stay in England until the next Ship that proceeds to the West Coast after the Oxford, without prejudice to his Standing in the Rank we have placed him.

75. It is highly necessary that you as well as all our Servants in the other parts of India should be apprized of the Situation of Affairs between the British and French Nations, that you may be in readiness as far as lies in your power, to protect and Secure our Settlements, Shipping and such other parts of the Companys Property as is or shall be under your Care and Cognizance against any Attempts that may be made against them by the French, We must inform you then that Hostilities have been for some time past carried on with vigour in America, That our Men of War in Europe take all the French Ships they meet with of which great numbers now lay in the several Ports of His Majesty's Dominions by way of Reprizal for Breach of Treaties on the part of France in attacking and encroaching upon the American Colonys, but none of those ships have as yet been condemned nor have Commissions for Privateers or any Letters of Marque been granted here, There is no Account that the French have issued Letters of Mart or Reprizals so far from it they suffer all British Merchant Ships to go in and out of their Ports without molestation, The Blandford Man of War of Twenty Guns was indeed taken but was as soon as the Court of France was acquainted with it immediately restored as yet there has been no Declaration of War made by either Nation. We are likewise to inform you That we have heard nothing from the French East India Company relative to the Provisional Treaty and Truce made by Mr. Saunders on our Part and Mr. Godeheu on the part of the French in December last for restoring Tranquillity on the Coast of Choromandel although we delivered the said Treatys to the French Companys Commissary then in England immediately upon Mr. Saunder's arrival in the Norfolk so long ago as the beginning of July last. The French continue to exert themselves in encreasing with the utmost diligence both their Land and Sea Armaments and have drawn down a great number of their Forces to their Coast, and it is generally believed are mediating some Grand Effort, on the other hand the most vigorous measures are taken in England to be prepared against all attempts, and it is with great pleasure the whole Nation sees the Parliament most (heartily) concurs therein with His Majesty. This being the present Situation you must be on your Guard and in constant readiness in every respect to defend our Settlements and Properties in all Events, sh[ould] any French Ships come your way, you are carefully to watch all their Motions and stand upon your Defence only unless they shall commen[ce] Hostilities, in which case you are to act as shall appear under your then circumstances to be most for the Companys Interest, and particularly recommend it to you to keep your Works at Fort Marlborough and elsewhere in as good a Posture as the [Nation] of them will admit of.

76. Having Stationed but Four Ships this Season for Fort S^{t}. George and Bengal, and as from some late advices received have reason to believe there will be no Ships remaining at those Presidencies of the former Season, we conclude no ship can be spared to call upon you for your Surplus Tonnage, you are therefore, notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in this Letter to load for England on the Oxford, as much Pepper, over and above her Charter-party Tonnage, as she can possibly take in, so as not, overloading, to render her unfit to be navigated with Safety, as we [fear] with regard to the danger of the

seas, as the attack of an Enemy you must give notice to the Presidency, by the first Conveyance that offers, of the Quantity of Pepper remaining in your Godown and what you have reason further to expect after fully loading the Oxford as beforementioned, and follow the directions of the President and Council, either for sending it home (if contrary to our Expectations no conveyance offers) for reserving it for the next Years Storeship, or forwarding it to Fort S^t^. George if there is an opportunity for it.

We are,

LONDON 3^D^ DECEM^R^. 1755.

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,
R. DRAKE.
P. GODFREY.
JOHN PAYNE.
NATH NEWNHAM JUN^R^.
R. BOOTLE.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
THO^S^. PHIPPS.
THO^S^. ROUS.
H^Y^. CRABB BOULTON.
HENRY PLANT.
ROB JONES.
HENRY SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
JOHN MANSHIP.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN DORRIEN.
LAU SULIVAN.
MAXIM^N^. WESTERN.
CHRIST^R^. BURROW.

No. 16.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE SILVER LYCENCED TO BE SHIPP'D ON BOARD THE DELAWAR FOR FORT S^T^. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^T^.

For Is. Barrow Esqr. Commissary & Pay Master to the Train of Artillery—4 Chests.

	Ozs.	Dwt.
I B N°. 1 @ 4 q^t^	14964	8
Capt. Thos. Winter on his Indulgence One Chest TW No. 1	945	–
Ozs.	15909	8

BULLION OFFICE
EAST INDIA HOUSE, 9th October 1755.

THO^S^. WELC.

No. 17.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE GOLD LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE SUFFOLK FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.

	ozs.	dwt.	gr.
For Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart one Chest Marked W V S No. 1 .. .. qt.	173	15	12

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
19th DECEMR. 1755.

THOS. WELC.

No. 18.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE GOLD & WROUGHT PLATE LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE STORMONT FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.

	ozs.	dwt.	gr.
For Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart One Chest of Gold Marked WVS No. 2 qt.	150	–	12
Capt. George Gardner to be delivered to Alexr. Wynch Esqr. for his use a Box of Wrought Plate Marked G.G.	ozs. 100	–	–

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
19th DECEMR. 1755.

THOS. WELC.

No. 19.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE GOLD LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD GODOLPHIN FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ON ACCOT. OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.

	ozs.	dwt.	gr.
For Mesrs. Walsh & Vansiittart One Chest Marked WVS No. 4 qt ..	121	7	12

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
19th DECEMR. 1755.

THOS. WELC.

No. 20.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE GOLD LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE CARNARVEN FOR FORT S^T. GEORGE ON ACCO^T. OF THE FOLLOWING PERSON VIZ^T.

	OZS.	DW^t.	GR.
For Messrs. Walsh & Vansiittart One Chest Marked WVS No. 3 .. .. q^t.	121	2	6

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
19th Decem^r. 1755.

THO^s. WELC.

No. 21.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE SILVER LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE MARLBOROUGH FOR FORT S^T. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSON VIZ^T.

	Oz.		
For M^r. Henry Parsons, Writer One Chest H.P.N°. 1 q^t.	200	–	–

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
4th Decem^r. 1755.

THO^s. WELC.

No. 22.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE GOLD LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE CHESTERFIELD FOR FORT S^T. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSON VIZ^T.

	Oz^s.	DW.	GR.
For Capt. Francis Ford or the Commanding Officer for the time being of Col°. Adlercrons Regiment. One Chest Marked F.A.N° 2 q^t.	641	8	–

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
17th February 1756.

THO^s. WELC.

No. 23.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE GOLD & SILVER LYCENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE WALPOLE FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERONS VIZT.

		OZS.	DWS.	GR.
For Capt. Fras. Ford or the Commanding Officer for the time being of Colonel Adlercrons Regiment.				
One Chest of Gold Marked F.A.No. 1.	qt.	641	7	12
The Missionaries on the Coast. Two Chests of foreign Silver Marked DM No. 12 E.M.No. 13	qt.	2404	–	–
Mr. Philip Dacres, Writer for Bengal to be Delivered him at the Fort or Bengal as he shall chuse. One Chest Marked P.D. No. 1 qt.		200	–	–
OZs		2604	–	–

THOS. WELC.

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
7th February 1756.

No. 24.

1755

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP DELAWAR CAPTAIN THOMAS WINTER COMMANDER BY FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZt.

CAPTAIN THOMAS WINTER.

TW

No. 1 @ 28	Twenty Eight Casks Wrought Iron & Nails qt. Six Tons.	£	180	–	–
1 @ 160	One hundred and Sixty half Faggotts Steel qt. Four Tons.		120	–	–
1 @ 14	Fourteen Roles Sheet Lead qt. Four Tons.		70	–	–
	One Cask Glass Beeds		50	–	–
1	One Half Chest Oyl.		10	–	–
1 @ 2	Two Boxes Gold Thread and Lace ..		76	–	–
1 @ 2	Two cases Prints		30	–	
1 @ 2	Two Cases preserved Fruit		10	–	

	One Case Hatts	£	30	–	–
1	One Case qt. Six Remnants Cloth six yards each.		30	–	–
	Eight Chests Cutlery ware		330	–	–
1 @ 3	Three Bales Ticklenburgs		80	–	–
1 @ 7	Seven Chests Beer		40	–	–
	One Case Sadlery		70	–	–
1	One Case Stationary		60	–	–
1 @ 13	Thirteen Chests Wine		350	–	–
1 @ 6	Six Cases Looking Glass		60	–	–
1 @ 4	Two Chests & two Boxes Shades & Crown Glass.		25	–	–
	In Foreign Silver		500	–	–
	On his Indulgence.				

In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock.

C U — Canham Underwood Chief Mate.

No. 1@ 6	Six Cases Glass, Class & horn. Lanthorns.	44	–	–
	One Case Prints	9	9	–
	One Box Thread	34	–	–
6	One Box Coffin Furniture	20	–	–
	One Chest Cutlery Ware	20	–	–
8	One Chest Madeira Wine	20	–	–
7	One Case Sadlery	30	–	–
	On his Indulgence			

C F — Colwell Freeman 2nd Mate.

No. 1 @ 2	Two Chests Wine	£	50	–	–
3	One Box Hatts		40	–	–
4	One Box Cutlery		30	–	–

A D — Abraham Dicker 3d Do.

	One Case Stationery	30		–
	One Chest Cutlery	40		–
1 @ 2	Two Chests Beer	10	–	–

W S — Walton Steevens Purser.

	One Case Prints	15	–	–
	One Case Cutlery	95	–	–
	One Case Looking Glass	15	–	–

T A	THOMAS ADAMS 4th MATE.			
	One Chest Cutlery	20	–	–
1 @ 2	Two Boxes Hatts	30	–	–
	Two Boxes Hosiery	30	–	–
	One Box Millinary	5	–	–
H H	HENRY HARLING SURGEON.			
1	One Chest Cutlery Ware	28	–	–
2	One Box Hosiery	20		–
	One Case Hatts	15	–	–
Directed.	JOHN PARKINSON MIDSM			
	One Case Looking Glass	3	3	6
	One Box Cutlery Ware	4	5	–
	On their Indulgence.			
Directed	GEORGE STAINFORTH TO LUKE SERAFLOW AT BENGAL.			
No. 1 @ 2	Two Chests Wine			
	Freight Free being for his own use.			

FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

MR. JUDAH SUPINE TO MESSRS. JOHN WALSH AND HENRY VANSITTART OR EITHER OF THEM AND IN ABSENCE OF BOTH TO THE GOVERNOR IN BEING.

No. 3	One Box Coral Beads	£	310	–	

MR. DAVID DE CASTRO TO DAVID LOPEZ FERNANDES & SAMUEL DE CASTRO.

CC	3	One Chest Coral Beads	650	–	–

THOMAS GODFREY ESQR. TO ROBERT ORME ESQR. IN HIS ABSENCE TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

DC	10	One Case Coral Beads	785	–	–

MR. MOSES ISAAC LEVY TO MESSRS. WALSH AND VANSITTART IN THEIR ABSENCE TO THE GOVERNOUR IN BEING

ML**	1	One Box Coral Beads	£	630 – –

MESSRS. ABRAHAM & JACOB FRANCE TO MR. SOLOMON FRANCE.

F M R	12	One Chest Coral Beads ..	£	630 – –
B G	3	One Chest Do.		400 – –

DITTO TO THE GOVERNOUR & MR. SOLM. FRANCE.

P F	1	One Chest Coral Beads		1200 – –

DITTO TO MR. SOLOMON FRANCE.

[F]	33	One Chest Coral Beads		820 – –
				3050 – –

FOR BENGAL.

MR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TO MESSRS. MANNINGHAM AND FRANKLAND.

1 S No.	1	One Chest Coral Beads	£	335 – –
Do.	2	One Chest Do		333 – –
Do.	3	One Chest Do		427 – –
				1095 – –

MESSRS. GAMMON & CHALLONER TO MR. ANSN. BEAUMONT OF BENGAL OR TO HIM OR HIS ASSIGNS AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

A B	3	One Chest Coral Beads		570 – –

On which they have paid Freight & Permission
into the Companys Treasury
and Given Bond pursuant to
Order of Court.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, G. HIGGINSON.

LONDON THE 14th OCTR. 1755.

No. 25.

1755

A Manifest of goods merchandize, & foreign silver licensed by the committee of shipping of the court of directors of the united East India Company laden on board the ship Suffolk Captain William Wilson Commander by the following persons, vizt.

W W	Captain William Wilson.		
	One Cask and One Box Gold Thread		£ 350
N°. 1. @ 14	Fourteen Roles Sheet Lead q^t. Four Tons.		70
1 @ 15	Fifteen Casks White Lead q^t. Four D°		100
	Eighty Whole Faggots of Steel q^t. Four d°.		120
1 @ 20	Twenty Barrells Tarr		30
1 @ 63	Sixty three Casks of Flour q^t. Three d°.		30
	Four Cask Nails, One Chest and a case Wro^t. Iron Seventy Seven Anchors from 1 @ 3 each, 13 bundles, Iron Hoops.	8 Tons	350
	Two Cases Bunting		50
1	One Case q^t. Six Remnants of Cloth Six Yards each.		33
1 @ 2	Two Hhds Tin and Horn Lanthorns.		7
1 @ 2	Two Casks of Pewter		30
1 @ 6	Three Puncheons and three Chests Cutlery.		400
1 @ 2 & 1 @ 6	Eight Casks Glass Beads ..		300
1 @ 4	Four Chests Glass Shades		18
1 @ 2	Two Cases Looking Glasses .. On his Indulgence.		150

In foreign Silver for the Ships Stock 499

R L	Richard Lewin Chief Mate.	
1	One Box Gold Thread	60
1 @ 2	Two Chests Cutlery Ware ..	100
	One Cash Shreds of Cloth ..	30
1 @ 2	Two Hogsheads of Madder	15
	Five Cases Looking Glass & Plate d°.	78

Mark			£
P. P	PHILIP PATCH PURSER.		
	Two Chests and one Box Cutlery		60 – –
N°. 4	One Chest Stationary		25 – –
	Three Cases Looking Glasses ..		50 – –
W. W	CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILSON.		
	One Case Looking Glass		8 – –
	One Puncheon Glass Beads ..		40 – –
J J	JOSEPH JACKSON 2d MATE.		
	One Box Gold Thread		40 – –
	One Puncheon } Cutlery Ware ..		60 – –
	One Chest }		
	One Puncheon Glass Beads ..		40 – –
	Eight Barrells Pitch		20 – –
E. W	EDWARD WAPLE 3d MATE.		
	One Chest Cutlery Ware		50 – –
1	One Case Looking Glass		10 – –
J G	JOHN GELL—5th MATE.		
	One Case Plate Glass		30 – –
	One Chest Cutlery Ware		15 – –
1 @ 5	Five Coils Ratline	qt. 3 0 17	4 – –
J M	JOHN MITCHELL, GUNNER.		
	One Case Cutlery Ware		40 – –
	One Hogshead Glass Ware ..		12 – –
S T	SAMUEL TALCOTT, SURGEON		
1 @ 2	Two Cases Plate Glass		40 – –
	Two Barrells Shreds of Cloth ..		30 – –

J W JOHN WATSON, SURGEONS MATE.

1	One Case Looking Glass	10 – –
	One Small Box Cutlery	9 – –
	On their Indulgencies	

JNO. BENCOICT SCRETAN TO CAPT. STEPHEN MONCHANIN.

Directed One Box Apparrell and Necessarys.

HENRY NORRIS TO HUGH NORRIS.

Directed One Box Apparrell and Necessarys.
Freight free being for the above persons own Use. at the Fort.

MR. CLIVE TO RICHD. CLIVE ESQR. GOVT. OF FORT. ST. DAVID.

Directed
N°. 1 @ 4 Four Chests Wine.

Directed CAPTAIN ROBT. BAILEY TO ROBT. STRATTON.

1 One Half Chest Wine.

Directed THE REVD. MR. BERYN. PEARCE TO RICHD. COOKE.

One Box Apparrell and Necessarys.

Directed WILLIAM MOLLOSON TO ALEXR. DALRYMPLE.

One Box Apparrell and Necessarys.
Freight free being for their own use.

FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

JUDAH SUPINE TO JOHN WALSH & HENRY VANSITTART OR EITHER OF THEM AND IN ABSENCE OF BOTH TO THE GOVERNOUR IN BEING.

I S N°. 12 One Chest Coral Beads Value — £ 760 – –

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JOSEPH SALVADORE TO MESS[RS]. WALSH AND VANSITTART.

S B			£	
F N°.	1	One Chest Coral Beads	470 –	
d°.	2	One Chest Ditto	720 –	
I S F	4	D°.	500 –	
F L S	7	D°.	375 –	
				2065 – –

JACOB ESPINOZA S. NATHAN MOGDILIANI TO JOHN WALSH AND HENRY VANSITTART.

4 I N M E	N°. 2	One Chest Coral Beads	500 12 4

MOSES & DAVID MONTEFIORE TO DAVID LOPES FERNANDES AND SAMUEL DE CASTRO IN THEIR ABSENCE TO THE GOVERNOUR.

M			£	
R N°.	16	One Case Rough Coral	110 –	
R M	10	One Case Ditto	100 –	
				210 – –

JACOB & ABRAM LEVI SONSINO TO MESS[RS]. WALSH & VANSITTART.

M A			£	
S. No.	1	One Box Coral Beads	470 –	
d°.	2	One Box Ditto	191 –	
S. S.	11	D°.	225 –	
C. S.	5	One Box Rough Coral	95 –	
				1011 – –

ABRAHAM & JACOB FRANCE TO SALAMON FRANCE.

			£	
[F] No.	34	One Case Coral Beads. value ..	500 – –	
AIF	1	One Case Ditto.	600 – –	
IFD	52	One Case Ditto.	300 – –	
ADF	1	One Case Ditto.	140 – –	
LFL	11	One Case Rough Coral	95 – –	
d°	12	One Case Ditto.	95 – –	
				1730 – –

Isaac Mendes Da Costa to Solomon Franco and in his absence to David Lopes Fernandes and Sameul De Castro.

			£	
IN MMDC N°.	21	One Case Coral Beads ..	654–10–6	
	22	Do. ..	631–16–5	
	23	Do. ..	577–19–3	
	24	Do. ..	496– 9–2	
				2360 15 4

On which they have paid freight and permission into the Company's Treasury and given Bond pursuant to Order of Court.

East India House,
London, the 19th Dec^R^. 1755.

G. HIGGINSON.

No. 26.

1755

A Manifest of Goods Merchandize and Foreign Silver licensed by the Committee of Shipping of the Court of directors of the United East India company Laden on board the ship Stormont Captain Josiah Hindman Commander by the Following Persons Viz^T^.

Captain Josiah Hindman.

		£
J H	One Box Gold thread and Lace ..	400
	Fifteen Casks Glass Beads	400
	Five Cases Sword Blades .. .. One Chest and One Case Cutlery ..	120
	One Cable of 15 in ½ one Hawser In 7½ two Hawsers. In 6/½	200
	The Hawsers 5 in ¼ two of 4 inches three of 3½	200
	One hundred and sixty half Faggots of Steel wt. 4 Tons	120
	Thirteen Roles of Sheet Lead 4 D°.	70
	Thirty Barrells of Pitch and Tarr	50
	Eleven Casks White Lead 3 Tons .. Seven D°. Red Lead 3 D°. ..	150
	One Case q^t^. two Table Clocks ..	24
	Four Chests Wine	50
	Six Hhhds of Glass ware, Shades and Corks.	40

CAPTAIN JOSIAH HINDMAN—*cont.*

	Five Chests Window Glass .. } Eight Cases Looking Glass Plates .. }	150
	Three Hhhds of Cuttings of Cloth ..	150
	On his Indulgence	
	In foreign Silver for the Ships Stock.	499

I W	MR. JAMES WOOD 4th. MATE.	
	One Box Gold thread	30
	One small Casks of Beads	20
	Two Cases Plate Glass	33
	One Box Cutlery	16

B C	MR. BENJAMIN CORNELEUSON PURSER.	
	One Box Gold thread	40
	One Bale of Canvas qt. 12 Cotts ..	25
	One Box qt. Cutlery	10
	Two Firkins Red Lead wt in all 7Q 26 lb.	6
	One Case Glassware	7
	One Box qt. Hatts	12
	On their Indulgences.	

I W	MR. JOHN WILLIAMS CARPENTER.	
	One Case Cutlery	30
	One Cask Hamms	10
	One Case Window Glass	12
	One Do. Glass Plates	15
	MR. JAMES WENSLEY SURGEON.	
I W	One Box Glass ware	10
	One Case Looking Glasses	14
	Two Boxes Hatts	10
	One Chest Cutlery	20
	One Box Prints	5
	One Do. Gold thread	15

	MR. RICHARD MORRISON CHIEF MATE.	
	Two Hhhds Glass ware and Corks.	30
	Two Cases Tobacco and one Box of Snuff.	15
	Two Chests Cutlery	65

	Mr Richard Morrison Chief Mate—*cont.*	
	Three Boxes of Pipes	10
	One Bale of Canvas qt. 12 Bolts ..	20
	One Hhds of Lanthorns	20
	One Do Hatts	20
	Mr. Sherman Wall 2D Mate.	
S W	One Chest Cutlery	40
	Four Cases of Window Glass ..	40
	Seven Do of Pickles	10
	Three Firkins qt. in all 10 Red lead.	12
	Mr. William Ferrey Gunner.	
W F	Six Hampers Beer Each 3 Dozen ..	8
	One Case Window Glass	10
	Mr. Charles Mears 3D Mate.	
C M	One Chest and Half of Wine ..	40
	One Case Glass Plates	30
	One Box Gold thread	40
	Ten hundred weight of Red Lead in two Casks.	10
	Mr. Robert Harle Midpn.	
R H	One Box Cutlery	15
	Mr. William Chambers Surgeons Mate.	
W C	One Box of Glass ware	10
	Stephen De Visme Esqr. Supra Cargo.	
Directed	One Case qt. four Plates of looking Glasses. On their Indulgences.	
	Richard Penyon Esqr. to Willm Percival Esqr.	
Directed	Two Chests Wine.	

MR. PETER ROBERTS TO MR. CHAS. BODDAM.

Directed — Two Chests Wine.

MR. JOSEPH FOWKE TO MESSRS. WALSH AND VANSITTART.

Directed — Two Chests Wine.

MR. GEOE HIGGINSON TO MR. JOSIAS DUPRE.

Directed — One Half Chest Wine.

MR. TWYNE TO COLONELL LAWRENCE.

Directed — Two Chests Wine and two Chests Syder.

WILLM. WYNCH ESQR. TO ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR.

Directed — Two Chests Wine.
Freight free being for the use of the above persons.

ENSIGN STEVENSON PASSENGER.

Directed — One half Chest and One Hamper of Wine.
Freight free being for his own use in the Voyage.

MR. WILLM. FERGUSON TO MR. ANDREW MUNRO.

A M 1. 2 — Two Chests qt. Medicines and sundry necessarys.
Freight free being for his own use.

MR. JOSEPH SMITH TO ENSIGN STEPHEN SMITH.

Directed — One Small Box of Apparell and sundry Necessarys.
Freight free being for his own use.

FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

THOS. GODFREY ESQR. TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. IN HIS ABSENCE TO JOHN WALSH & HENRY VANSITTART ABSENT JOHN WALSH AND HENRY VANSITTART TO THE GOVERNOUR FOR THE TIME BEING

G M No. 1 One Case Coral Beads .. .. Value £ 1,030

HY PETER MUILMAN TO PETER MARIOT AND ANDREW ROSS.

4 P I No.	7	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 176	8	11
	8	One Chest Do ..	214	9	9
			390	18	8

On which they have paid Freight and Permission into the Companys Treasury and given Bond pursuant to Order of Court.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON THE 19th DECR. 1755.

G. HIGGINSON.

No. 27.

1755

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE & FOREIGN SILVER LICENCED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP GODOLPHIN CAPTN. WILLIAM HUTCHINSON COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.,

W H — CAPT. WILLIAM HUTCHINSON.

Nine Rolls Sheet Lead	£ 70	–	–
Pitch and Tar Fifty Barrels ..	60	–	–
Eighteen Chests Wine	200	–	–
Ten Casks qt. in all 4 Tons Red Lead.	80	–	–
Twenty Five jarrs Linseed Oil .. } One half Chest Sweet Oil .. .. } Seven half Cases of Pickles .. }	95	–	–
Four Chests, Sword Blades and Six Chests of Cutlery.	340	–	–
Five Cases of Shreds of Cloth ..	150	–	–
One Box qt. 6 Remnants Cloth ..	30	–	–
Two half Chests & Four Chests Pymont Waters.	30	–	–
One flatt of Hatts	20	–	–
Three Cases Looking Glass Plates .. On his Indulgence.	100	–	–
In foreign Silver for the Ships Stock.			

G L — MR. GEO. LE GEYT CHIEF MATE.

Two Cases Looking Glasses .. } Two d° d° d° Plates .. }	70		
Three Chests Cutlery .. .. }	40	–	–
Two Casks Glass Beads	50	–	–
Two Cases Lanthorns	20	–	–
Two Whole and One half Chest of Wine	50	–	–
One Box of Hatts	20	–	–

I A	Mr. John Allen 2d Mate.			
	One Chest Cutlery	40	–	–
	One Hhd. Glass Beads, One Box Gold and Silver Thread.	95	–	–
	One Chest Glass Ware, and Corks, also One Case of Hatts.	25	–	–
	One Chest of Wine	25	–	–
	On their Indulgence.			
A H	Mr. Alexander Henderson Surgeon			
	One Chest Cutlery, and Box Gold thread.	25	–	–
	One Case Plate Glass & one Case Window Glass.	20	–	–
	One Cask Beads, One Cask of Ginseng.	29	–	–
I B	Mr. James Burroughs 3d Mate.			
1 @ 6	Six Cases or Boxes of Window Glass.	30	–	–
	One Box Cutlery	15	–	–
	One do Gold thread	50	–	–
	On their Indulgencies.			
	Mr. Jn°. Smith to mr. John lewin Smith.			
Directed	One half Chest Wine.			
	Mr. John Le Gross to Captn. John. Brohier.			
do	One Box Books and a box of Sundry. Matheml. Instruments.			
	Mr. Thomas Palmer to Archdale Palmer.			
Directed	One Box of Sundry Necessaries.			
	Mr. Dickinson to Mr. Charles turner.			
Directed	One Box of Weaving Apparell.			
	Mr. Humpy Jones to Mr. Matthew Clarke.			
Directed	One Box of Weaving Apparell.			

	M^r^. CLIVE to GOVERNOUR CLIVE	
Diretced	One Case Sweet Meats	
	M^R^. WILL^M^ COTSFORD TO M^R^. CHARLES BOURCHIER	
Directed	One Case q^t^. 2 Saddles 2 Pistolls & Necessaries for Apparell.	
	One Case d^o^. a Fowling Piece ..	
	Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.	
W H	CAPTAIN WILLIAM HUTCHINSON.	
	Fifty Barrells of Pitch and Tar ..	60 - -
	Four Tons of Steel, being 160 half Faggots.	120 - -
	On his Indulgence.	

FOR FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

THO^S^. GODFREY ESQ^R^. TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^. IN HIS ABSENCE TO JOHN WALSH & HENRY VANSITTART ABSENT JOHN WALSH & HENRY VANSITTART TO THE GOVERNOUR FOR THE TIME BEING

G M N^o^.	2	One Case Coral Beads	Value	£ 590
D G	11	One Case Coral Beads		950 - -
				1540 —

JACOB ESPINOSA & NATHAN MODIGLIANI TO JOHN WALSH AND HENRY VANSITTART

4 I N M E N^o^.	3	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 500 17 1

ISAAC MENDES DA COSTA TO SOLOMON FRANCO AND IN HIS ABSENCE TO DAVID LOPES FERNANDES AND SAM^L^. DE CASTRO

IN MMDC N^o^.	19	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 1257 2 4
	20	One Chest Coral Beads	318 10
S F	1	One Case Books	62 10
			1638 2 4

JACOB & MOSES MACHARRO TO M^R^. SHAMIR SULTAN

PP N°.	1	One Box Emeralds	£ 257 – –	
		Wrought Coral	60 10 –	
Ditto		To MESSRS. WALSH & VANSITTART		
P N°.	1	One Box Pearls	350 – –	
				667 10 –

On which they have paid Freight & Permission into the Company's Treasury and Given Bond pursuant to Order of Court.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON THE 19TH DECR. 1755.

G. HIGGINSON.

No. 29.

1755

A MANIFEST OF GOODS, MERCHANDIZE & FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP MARLBOROUGH CAPTAIN ALEXANDER MC LOED COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.

A M		CAPTN. ALEXR. MC. LOED.		
N°. 1 @ 160		One hundred & Sixty half Faggots Steel. qt. Four Tons.		£ 120 – –
1 @ 15		Fifteen Roles Sheet Leads qt. Four D°.		70 – –
1 @ 11		Eleven Casks Red & White Lead qt Four D°.		100 – –
		Fifteen Casks & One Case Wrot. Iron. ..	Weighing in all six Tons	200 –
		Fifty Five Bundles Iron Hoops ..		
		Eighty Six Iron Potts, twenty half hundred wts.		
		Twen y Five Anchors from ½ ¢ wt. to 3 wt.		
		Six C ses Sword Blades		40 – –
1 @	16	Sixteen Barrels Tar		20 – –
1	4	Four Cags Vermillion		100 – –

1	@	3	Three Cases Marble Slabs	16 – –
			Seven Cases Cutlery Ware	120 – –
1	@	4	Four Blaes Canvas	100 – –
1	@	3	Two Casks & One Case Sadlery Ware	25 – –
			One Chest Oil, & Four Cases Pickles.	10 – –
1	@	6	Six Cases Hatts, a box q^{t}. 6 Pieces. Worsted Breeches packt in d^{o}.	100 – –
			One Case Wrought Plate	100 – –
			One Case Coarse Scotch Linnen, .. Fustian & Hosiery Ware.	30 – –
			One Case Prints, & two Ditto with Glass belonging to them.	20 – –
			One Box Gold Thread & Lace ..	500 – –
			One Case q^{t}. a Table Clock & Metal & Gold Watches & Toys.	130 – –
1	@	2	Two Cases Drinking Glasses ..	40 – –
1			One Trunk Hosiery	20 – –
1	@	3	Three Bales Bulgia Hides ..	100 – –
			Fourteen Casks Glass Beads ..	300 – –
1	@	7	Seven Cases Glass Lustres & Corks ..	200 – –
			Fifteen Cases Looking Glass .. On his Indulgence.	160 – –
			In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock.	499 – –

P.M.W. PETER MANWARING WILDING CHIEF MATE.

			Two Casks Glass Beads . .. £	50 – –
			One Chest Cutlery Ware	70 – –
1	@	3	Two Cases & one Box Glass Lanthors and Tin Ware.	20 – –
1			One Case Pictures	20 – –
			One Box Stockings	20 – –
			Two Bales Canvas q^{t}. 50 Bolts ..	90 – –

C DAVID CLEGHORN 3^{d} . D^{o}.

Four Cases looking Glass & Glass Ware. £	50 – –
One Chest Cutlery Ware	30 – –
One Box Hatts	10 – –

W J WALTER JOHNSON SURGEON.

One Chest Cutlery	£	20 – –
One Case Glass Ware		15 – –
One Half Chest Wine ..		15 – –

W M WILLIAM MASON PURSER.

One Mogshead Drinking Glasses ..	£	20 – –
One Case Tobacco		6 – –
One Cask Glass Beads		30 – –
One Box Gold Lace		20 – –
One Cask Ironmongery Ware ..		20 – –
One Chest Cutlery Ware		30 – –
One Box Hatts		5 – –

C JAMES COUPER SURGEON'S MATE.

One Chest Cutlery Ware	£	12 – –
On their Indulgences		

MR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TO MESSRS. MANNINGHAM & FRANKLAND AT BENGAL.

N°	1	One Chest Coral Beads	£	220 – –
D°	2	One Chest d°		310 – –

On which he has paid Freight and Permission into the Company's Treasury and given Bond pursuant to Order of Court.

EAST INDIA HOUSE G. HIGGINSON.

LOND°. THE 6TH. DECEMR. 1755.

No. 30.

1755

A MANIFEST OF GOODS AND MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY, LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP CHESTERFIELD CAPT^N^. EDWIN CARTER COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^T^.,

M^R^. JOHN COLLETT TO M^R^. MATTHEW COLLETT.

Directed.	One Case q^t^. 2 Pictures, Shoes and Books.

M^R^. CLIFFE TO M^R^. EDW^D^. HOLDEN CRUTTENDON

D°.	Two Cases q^t^. pickles, One Case of Hames, A Kegg of Sturgeon. One Case q^t^. sundry Necessaries for Apparrell.

ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R^., TO MESS^RS^. MANNINGHAM FRANKLAND AND WOLWELL.

D°.	Two Chests of Wine

ROGER DRAKE ESQ^R^. TO ROGER DRAKE ESQ^R^. GOVERNOUR

D°.	Four Cases q^t^. Confectionary, A Case q^t^. a Picture. Thirteen Chests and One half Chest of Wine, Two Chests Cyder.

D°.	M^R^. CHRIS^R^. CLAYTON TO CAPT^N^. DAVID CLAYTON. One Box q^t^. Handteerfs, a Sword, a Fan, a piece of Lawn & ca.

M^R^. SAMUEL JENKS TO M^R^. JOHN JENKS.

D°,	One Case Apparrell and Half Chest of Beer.

MR. WM. POMFRETT TO THE REVD. MR. BELLAMY.

Directed	One Half Chest of Wine, and a box qt. Tobacco.	

MR. BARRINGTON BUGGIN TO MR. WM. BILLERS.

D°	One Chest Wine and two Casks ca qt. 20 Gatt rim	

MR. FLOWER RUSSELL CHIEF MATE.

F R	Two Hhhds qt. drinking Glasses ..	30 – –
	Two Chests Wine	40 – –
	Two Chests Cutlery	98 – –
	Two Boxes of Hatts	21 – –
	Two Cases qt Glass Lanthorns or Shades. ..	18 – –
	One Case qt. two Saddles	10 – –
	One firkin qt. Ironmongers Ware ..	6 – –
	On his Indulgence	

MR. THOMAS CARNEGY SURGEON.

T C	One Half Chest of Oil and A Chest of Wine.	£ 24 – –
	One Chest Cutlery One Box of Gold thread and lace.	48 – –
	One Box of Window Glass and Glass Ware.	2– —

MR. LEWIS MORSE 3d. MATE

L M	One Hhhd qt. Corks and Glass Ware	6 – –
	One Bale qt. 12 bolts of Canvas ..	20 – –
	One Case of Cutlery, one box Gold thread and Lace.	55 – –
	Six Barrells of Tar, and One Chest of Beer.	14 – –

CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER.

E C	Sixty small Iron pots, Twenty Iron half Hundred. Weights Twenty six Casks of Ironmongers Ware, One anvil loose. Three pair Smiths Bellows for Armourers Use. Two Cases qt. Scale Boards, Scale Beams and Hand Saws. Thirty Eight Rudder Irons, & thirty Eight Braces for them 6 tons. Fifteen Anchors from $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ } Ten d° $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 } in all 30. Five d° 2 to 3 }	180 – –

CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER—*cont.*

	Fourteen Casks White Lead and Three Casks of Red Lead 4 tons.	80 - -
	Four Chests of Wine	80 - -
	One box or Case qt. 6 Remnants of Cloth each 6 yards long.	30 - -
	One Case qt. a Table Clock	20 - -
	One bagg qt. Gold and Silver Lace ..	50 - -
	Six Cases Cutlery Ware	60 - -
	Two large Cases qt. a Glass Desk and book Case. Seven Cases of Looking Glasses, also Glass Lanthorns, and the Frames	80 - -
	Eight Cases and two Boxes of Glass Ware of Sundry Sorts.	110 - -
	Two Cases of Bunting	50 - -
	Twelve Cases or Bales of Canvas qt. in all 216 Bolts.	270 - -
	Seventeen Casks of Glass Beads Two Cases Amber d°	500 - -
	Ten Bales of Bulgia Hides	300 - -
	Ten Casks Lump Glass	100 - -
	Quicksilver in forty Cases .. .. Three Cases and one Cask of Saffron.	930 - -
	One Hhd of Madder Root On their Indulgences	20 - -
	In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock.	499 - -

MR. WM. WATTS TO MR. MURIELL, AT FORT SAINT DAVID.

Directed ..	One Chest Medicines.
D°	EDWARD CROOKE AT FORT SAINT GEORGE.
d°	One Case qt. two Family Pictures.

	M^R. NETTLETON TO M^R. RICHARD BEECHER AT BENGAL.	
Directed	Two Chests of Wine.	
	M^R. NETTLETON TO M^R. RICH^D. BEECHER AT BENGAL.	
d° ..	Two Cases of Pickles and Snuff .. One Box of Gold and Silver Lace for two suits of Cloaths. One Case with Pickles and Necessaries for Apparrell.	
	M^R. ELIZ^T. COCKELL TO M^R. HANCOCK AT FORT S^T. DAVID.	
d°	One Box q^t. Wearing Apparrell and a piece of Silver Lustring.	
	M^R. ROBERT HILTON TO M^R. WALPOLE EYRE AT BENGAL.	
d°	One Box of wearing Apparrell and Magazines.	
	M^R. GEORGE HEPBURN 4th MATE.	
d°	One Chest Claret and one Case Cutlery.	45 - -
M P	M^R. MICHAEL PALLISTER 2^d. MATE.	
	Three Chests Wine	60 - -
	Two Cases of Looking Glasses One Box q^t. Cutlery and one Cask of Beads. }	50 - -
	M^R. ANDREW GARDNER—GUNNER.	
A C	One Case Looking Glasses .. .. One Chest of Shades and Glass Ware }	26 - -
	M^R. JOHN BEAL—BOATSWAINE.	
J B	One Chest Wine .. .. .. One box q^t. Cutlery .. .. .. On their Indulgences. }	45 - -

M^{R}. JN^{O}. CLEREMBAULT TO M^{R}. NICH^{S}. CLEREMBAULT.

Directed. One Chest of Wine.

M^{RS}. HOWETT TO M^{R}. SAMUEL HOWETT.

d° One Box of sundrys for Wearing Apparrell.

M^{R}. BRICKENDEN TO M^{R}. RICHARD BRICKENDENT AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

One case q^{t}. Gun and A case q^{t}. Sundry Necess^{ry}. also 2 pistols.

d° M^{R}. PETER ROBERTS TO M^{R}. CHA^{S}. BODDAM AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND M^{R}. THOMAS BODDAM AT BENGAL.

d° One Box q^{t}. Glass Ware , One Box q^{t}. a Saddle & ca.

d° One Box Necessaries for Apparrell, a Case q^{t}. a Gun & Whips.

d° One Box of Wearing Apparrell, a Case q^{t}. a Gun & Whips.

M^{R}. GRAGHEAD TO M^{R}. WILLIS ORR AT BENGAL.

d° One Hamper q^{t}. 3 doz. Wine.
One Box of Apparrell and Necessaries.

THOMAS ROUS ESQ^{R}., TO THO^{S}. COALES ESQ^{R}., AT BENGAL.

d° Three Boxes q^{t}. Wearing Apparrell, Glass & Sweat meats.

THO^{S}. ROUS ESQ^{R}., TO JOHN NEWCOME AT FORT S^{T}., GEORGE.

d° One Box q^{t}. Sundry Necessaries.

d° M^{R}. HENRY GASCOIGNE TO M^{R}. W^{M}. SUNNER.

One Box q^{t}. 2 pistolls, a Watch and some Books.

FOR FORT S^{T}., GEORGE.

M^{R}. EDW^{D}. BARWELL TO GOVERNOUR GEORGE PIGOT.

W B N° 1 One Chest of Coral Beads .. .. £ 1,222 10 -

Mr. David De Castro to David Lopes Fernandes & Saml. De Castro in their Absence to the Governr. for the time being.

IN	No.	24	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 590 - -	
		25	One Chest Ditto.	710 - -	
					1300 - -

Messrs. Henry & Peter Muilman to Peter Marriot and Andrs. Ross.

MS No	9	One Case of Coral Beads	£ 389 19 8	
		10 One Case Ditto	388 11 4	
				778 11-

Mr. Joseph Salvador to Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart.

S B	No.	3	One Chest of Coral Beads	£ 390 - -	
F S		1	One Chest Ditto.	510 - -	
M B C		1	One Chest Ditto	440 - -	
					1340 - -

Messrs. Abraham & Jacob Franco to Solomon Franco.

F F	No.	35	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 700 - -	
I D		54	One Chest Ditto.	430 - -	
4		15	One Chest Rough Coral	174 - -	
A I		16	One Chest Ditto.	173 - -	
V		17	One Chest Ditto.	173 - -	
					1650 - -

FOR BENGAL.

Messrs. Abraham & Jacob Franco to the Governr & Chas. Manningham.

F M R B	No.	4	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 450 - -	
		5	One Chest Ditto.	330 - -	
I D F		1	One Chest Ditto.	440 - -	
					1220 - -

MESS[RS]. GAMMON AND CHALLONER TO M[R]. ANSELM BEUMONT.

G C B N°.	2	One Chest Coral Beads	£ 289	11	8	
	3	One Chest Ditto.	535	8	4	
	4	One Chest Ditto.	280	8	4	
	5	One Chest Ditto.	698	2	6	
	6	One Chest Ditto.	427	1	8	
						2230 12

EAST INDIA HOUSE,

LONDON THE 13th FEB[Y] 1756. G. HIGGINSON.

No. 31.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL FOR THE SHIPS GOING OUT IN THE YEAR 1755.

Pieces.

ALLEJARS, to be of a bright red, Five hundred pieces .. 500

BETTELLEES, of N[os]. 25 & 26, One thousand, and N[os] 28 & 29 One thousand, but most of the head sorts Two thousand. 2000

N.B.—We have received very few of this Article for some Years past.

DITTO ORINGAL, fine, see that both Selvages are of equal goodness and take great care to keep up the Quality Two thousand .. 2000

DITTO PULLICAT, the very best you can procure ; One thousand eight hundred pieces of two Covids broad, Five hundred pieces of three Covids, and Two hundred pieces of four Covids, and take particular care the quality be exceeding good Two thousand five hundred 2500

The two foregoing Articles were remarkably bad and ill-sorted ℔ Norfolk, and though they were more equally so ℔ Winchelsea they fall greatly short of the Quality We have formerly received, and which if not amended will make it necessary to reduce the Quantity in future.

CAMBRICK BETTELLEES, THIN } None at any rate.
DITTO THICK }

CHINTS MOOREES, Ordinary, one fifth part of them should be Coloured Grounds, of which some Green, some purple and but few Blues, One half of the paterns to be small the other half larger, with a mixture of some of the newest Dutch Patterns,

and all of them to be pretty full of Colour, to cover the Grounds well, and a strict charge must be given to clear the same, which have been but too commonly tinged with Red; they must be full Twenty eight Covids long,

One thousand 1000

You must have particular regard to the above directions and to send as many new Patterns as possible—Those ℔ Norfolk were very ordinary Cloth and badly painted.

CHINTS MOOREES, Fine One thousand five hundred 1500

In the Assorting the Patterns of those received last and this year, We find a few of the larger kind and also some Coloured Grounds, both which must be continued, but not more than one tenth of each sort, particular care must be taken that they are not packed up damp, which occasions their being Spotted and Milldewed; as also that the White Grounds are well Cleared and not tinged with Red; and that they be painted on a very fine cloth.

In our last Year's List of Investment, We ordered from Five hundred to One thousand Pieces of Chints Moorees fine, of the same kind of which we received a small Bale printed at Vizagapatam by way of Sample, which answered better than the Madrass Sort, though they were a little deficient in regard to the Clearing of the Grounds, some of them being tinged with Red, that Quantity We shall expect the next Year, and would have the same Quantity provided for the year following.

CALLOWAPORES, they must be of a bright Red One thousand two hundred 1200

DIMITIES FORT SAINT DAVID, None.

GINGHAMS, SMALL WHITE, None.

DITTO, Blue, Striped with variety of stripes and about one third part of each Bale Checked, Two hundred 200

DITTO Red Striped with variety of stripes and about One third part of each Bale Checked, Two hundred 200

DITTO CLOUDED, None.

DITTO CHECKED on a red Ground, None.

IZZAREES, Fine F1 & 2 Five hundred. 500

Those received ℔ Winchelsea from Ingeram were much inferiour in Quality and at the same time much dearer than those received by the same Ship from Madapollam for which reason you are to send, the Five hundred Pieces order'd of that Fabrick only.

IZZAREES, Superfine, None.

Of this Article We positively order you to send none, and although in the year 1753. We order'd Five Hundred Pieces only, We observe to our great surprize that We have received no less this Year than Three thousand eight hundred and seventy five Pieces, which is more than the ordinary demand for

three years, and the Price is so much reduced, that we must be losers by them, and desire to know what was your inducement to exceed so much th quantity ordered.

LONGCLOTH ordinary, Eighty Thousand 80,000

DITTO, Middling, Thirty thousand 30,000

DITTO, fine, Ten thousand 10,000

All the Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloth must be washed at Fort St. David or Madras, Though We have not the same occasions for Complaint in regard to the Lengths of the several Sorts of ordinary or middling Longcloth received ⅌ Winchelsea, care must be taken to prevent in future what We so justly Complain'd of in our last Years list of Investment, on that subject, some Sorts ⅌ Norfolk were deficient in that respect but the Quality by both Ships continues bad; the Salem Cloth are the best, The Ingeram Cloth have much declined in Quality for these two years past, those received ⅌ Winchelsea are much inferiour to those of Vizagapatam at which place you must encrease your Investment as much as possible, or in proportion to the reduction of that at Ingeram, till the Fabrick can be amended and brought up to the Quality of former Years, in which case, that also may be encreased; and your best endeavours must be used for amending the Quality of all the Madrass and Fort St. Davids Cloth. We still continue to have great Complaints of Damaged Pieces packed up in the Bales as Sound, many such having been found by the Norfolk, the Holes and Damage of which have been so very conspicuous that nothing but the greatest negligence, if no worse a cause, could have occasioned; and We do therefore most strictly enjoin you to pay the most exact obedience to the Commands laid on you by the 32th. Paragraph of our Letter of the 31th January last, by disposing of them which shall be found faulty, in any great degree with some reasonable abatement, and to make up such as are less so in Bales by themselves, distinguishing the same particularly in the Invoice as having Holes, or being otherwise damaged.

LONGCLOTH, Superfine, about Six pagodaes; let them be as thick as possible you can procure; they must be made up Square as formerly order'd Eight hundred 800

DITTO, Blue, deep dye, ordinary and middling, One thousand five hundred 1500

LAMPASSES, Five Hundred 500

MOOREES, Fine Two thousand five hundred 2500

DITTO, Superfine Eight hundred 800

DITTO, Ordinary, Six thousand 6000
You must still continue to make them fourteen Yards long.

ROMALS SOOT, Red, of a bright clear Colour, Four thousand 4000

DITTO, Blue. Eight thousand 8000

You still continue to pay no regard to our Remarks under this head for some Years past, having order'd Ten thousand Pieces and receiv'd this Year only Three hundred and twenty Pieces; We do insist on your exerting yourselves to procure a large Quantity of them or assigning your Reasons for the deficiency.

Romals Pullicat, None.

Ditto Metchlepatam or Sastracundy Romals without Glazing Three thousand	3000
Sastracundies, of a bright Red, Four thousand	4000

In the two last Articles you must continue to exert yourselves in procuring the Quantity order'd and in all the Romals to send the greatest variety of checks possible.

Sallampores, Ordinary, Sixty thousand	60,000
Ditto, Middling Forty thousand	40,000
Ditto, Fine, Eight thousand	8000

You are not to send any Brown Sallampores or Longcloths upon any account.

Sarrasses, None.

Saccatums Five, Twenty Yards long. Two hundred	200

It is a great objection to the Ingeram and Vizagapatam Cloth that they are One Sixteenth of a Yard narrower than most other Sorts, for which reason you must by all means procure them to be made of equal Breadths with those of Fort St. David and Madrass.

You must still continue to take care that the Bales and Tickets of the Ingeram Cloth answer as to the sortment, and the Tickets put into all the Bales, must be laid under the First piece that they may be easily found.

You must send a Bale of every other sort of Goods, brought home by all the Europeans Ships from your Coast, which you have not complied with nor have you given any reasons for it.

You must also send a few Bales of the several sorts of Longcloths, vizt., Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Madrass and Fort St. David, without any Conjee or Stiffning, taking care to press the Bales as close as you can, and distinguish them in the invoice.

You must likewise send us a Bale of every sort of Muslin, manufactured at and about Vizagapatam where We are informed they are very good; also a Bale of every other sort of Goods made at the northern Settlements of a new Fabrick or Sortments which have not been usually sent to Europe.

We shall order our Servants in the Bay to supply you with some fine Jugdea Baftaes, which must be printed with a variety of beautiful patterns, but not in the expensive manner of the Madrass Chints, you must send three-fourths white Grounds and one fourth coloured Grounds, and the colours more lively with as much variety as you can.

We again repeat our Orders of the three last years in relation to the several Articles as well of White as Coloured Goods, in which our Orders have been either partially or not at all supplied vizt. That you use your utmost endeavours to procure the same, and that where they prove ineffectual, you fail not from time to time to assign the reasons of any dificiency therein.

Redwood, as Usual.

The Quality of this Article hath of late been much Complained of nor hath there been for some years past any so good as that received ℔ Norfolk; the advantage the Company received from the Price thereof was very considerable, and you must take care in future to provide what may be equal in Quality and size of the Pieces.

SALT PETRE, as ℔ General Letter.

Put the Commanders in mind that they lay sufficient Dunnage on the Salt Petre, before they stow the Bales, it being of that penetrating nature it often damages the Cloth as it has formerly happened.

By the Norfolk We received a Bale of Musters of fine Vizagapatam Goods but which being mostly Brown are quite unsaleable, and must never be attempted again; those Invoiced as Bettellees of which there were Eighty seven pieces No. 1 @ 5 and of differing spots, between Brown and White, sold at a bare advance; had they been perfectly Bleached would have sold very well, We would have Three or Four hundred Pieces if to be procured and perfectly well Bleached. The Bettellees plain and those in Handkerchiefs and Neckcloths would not sell, the last being of a stiff wiery thread will not answer for the purpose of neckcloths, but of the two former sorts if to be procured of a good Quality and well Bleached We would have Two or Three hundred pieces of each to compare with those coming from Madrass.

We are

Your Loving Friends,

LONDON 19th DECEMBER 1755.

P. GODFREY.
NATH NEWNHAM JUNR.
JOHN PAYNE.
CHALES CHAMBERS.
JOHN MANSHIP.
WHICHCOTT TURNER.
J. RAYMOND.
THOS.ROUS.
JAMES CREED.
LAU SULIVAN.
H CRABB BOULTON.
ROB. JONES.
HENRY PLANT.
MAXIMN. WESTERN.
HENY. SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN DORRIN.
CHRISTR. BURROW.

No. 32.

1755

A LIST OF 33 SOLDIERS ON BOARD THE SHIP DELAWAR CAPTAIN THOMAS WINTER COMM^R.

FOR FORT S^T. GEORGE.

	Names.	*Quality.*		*Country.*		*Trade.*		*Age.*
	THOMAS SPENCER	Soldier	..	Windsor	..	Labourer	..	20
	EDWARD DAY .	Do.	..	Islington	..	Do.	..	21
	ROB^T. WRIGHT ..	Do.	..	Northampton	..	Do.	..	17
	WILL^M GORDON	Do.	..	Aberdeen	..	Taylor	..	18
	PETER HALL ..	Do.	..	Essex	..	Labourer	..	16
	EDM^D. GREGORY	Do.	..	London	..	Printer	..	32
	JOHN DORAN ..	Do.	..	Carlisle	..	Gardner	..	16
								Downs.
	PETER DE CHARMES.	Do.	..	London	..	Labourer	..	26
10	LOFTUS RICHARDS	Do.	..	Dublin	..	Gardner	..	26
	WILL^M. MALLAS ..	Do.	..	Norwich	..	Weaver	..	22
	BENJ^N. COZIER	Do.	..	Glocestershire	..	Labourer	..	22
	WILL^M. WOODHOUSE.	Do.	..	Essex	..	Do.	..	23
	THOMAS YATES	Do.	..	Berks	..	Do.	..	21
	DAVID DUFF ..	Do.	..	Scotland	..	Do.	..	22
	THO^S. GREEN ..	Do.	..	Sussex	..	Apothecary	..	30
	JOHN BLIGH ..	Do.	..	Herts	..	Labourer	..	30
	JOHN PLANTA ..	Do.	..	Basill	..	Do.	..	19
	JAMES GRAHAM ..	Do.	..	Scotland	..	Soldier	..	35
	HENRY SANKEY ..	Do.	..	Liverpoole	..	Silversmith	..	31
20	JAMES TONNE ..	Do.	..	London	..	Weaver	..	25
	JAMES DAY ..	Do.	..	Oxon	..	Tanner	..	25
	JOHN GREW ..	Do.	..	Essex	..	Labourer	..	24
	WILL^M. PEARS ..	Do.	..	Bedfordshire	..	Do.	..	18
	ROB^T. EASTON ..	Do,	..	Yorkshire	..	Do.	..	33
	JONATHAM BRIGGS.	Do.	..	Ditto	..	Cloth Maker	..	23
	JOHN RADBURN	Do.	..	Surry	..	Smith	..	18
	SIMON WOOD ..	Do.	..	London	..	Weaver	..	22
	THO^S. GARNER ..	Do.	..	Ditto	..	Buckle Maker	..	26
	SAM^L. ROCKLEY	Do.	..	Nottinghamshire		Labourer	..	19
30	JOSEPH BOKLEMAN.	Do.	..	London	..	Turner	..	23
	DAN^L. TURNER	Do.	..	Carlisle	..	Labourer	..	16
	WILL^M. DOBSON	Do.	..	Yorkshire	..	Shoe Maker	..	20
	EDMUND HARPER	Do.	..	Essex	..	Labourer	..	17

EAST INDIA H^O.

LONDON, THE 14th OCTOBER 1755. G. HIGGINSON.

No. 33.

1755

A List of Military on Board the Ship Stormont Captain Josiah Hindman Commander.

for Fort St. George.

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	Thomas Stevenson	Ensign	Ireland	Gentleman	30
	Samuel Bettis	Soldier	Essex	Wheel Wright	19
	Samuel Muggridge.	Do.	Sussex	Labourer	26
	William Bampfield.	Do.	Devanshire	Do.	20
	Lawrence Garmack.	Do.	Ireland	Do.	16
	John Steward	Do.	Scotland	Soldier	38
	Willm. Sparks	Do.	Bury St. Edmonds	Marine	31
	Robt. Fairclough.	Do.	London	Labourer	19
	Cornelius Cole	Do.	Northamptonshire	Breeches Maker	21
10	James Barry	Do.	Corke	Labourer	30
	Cornelius O. Farrel.	Do.	Dublin	Do.	25
	Edward Tomlinson.	Do.	Derbyshire	Stockg. Needle Mr.	30
	Simon Hammer.	Do.	Stockholm	Labourer	20
	Joseph Nicholls	Do.	Bucks	Peruke Maker	23
	William Best	Do.	London	Labourer	15
	Thomas Leach	Do.	Do.	Do.	17
	Thomas Browning.	Do.	Surry	Do.	22
	James Mead	Do.	London	Gardner	21
	John Yeasley	Do.	Hertford	Labourer	16
20	James Norris	Do.	London	Do.	16
	Charles Rouselett	Do.	Jersey	Silk Weaver	31
	Henry Stott	Do.	Exeter	Labourer	17
	William Rowledge.	Do.	Middlesex	Weaver	19
	John Bevan	Do.	Gloucester	Labourer	16
	Francis Flude	Do.	Coventry	Do.	24
	Charles Coombs	Do.	Salisbury	Do.	16
	Thomas Burrows	Do.	London	Bricklayer	19
	Thomas Katon	Do.	Ireland	Labourer	23
	William Coward	Do.	London	Shoe Maker	28
30	John Cowan	Do.	Ireland	Sawyer	17
	Chas. Mc. Donald	Do.	Birmingham	Stay Maker	23
	William Jack	Do.	Scotland	Labourer	20
	William Ashley	Do.	London	Carver	23
	John Thernton	Do.	Hants	Weaver	27
	Richard Kirby	Do.	Oxon	Do.	31
	John Fencutt	Do.	Surry	Labourer	30
	Richard Elwood	Do.	Lambeth	Do.	22
	John Williams.	Do.	Gloucestershire	Do.	18

A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP STORMONT CAPTAIN JOSIAH HINDMAN COMMANDER—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	WILLM. LENTON	Soldier	Warwickshire	Labourer	17
40	SAMUEL HAYES	Do.	Coventry	Do.	18
	RICHARD KING	Do.	Wilts	Painter	28
	EDWARD BARNETT	Do.	London	Labourer	20
	EDWARD WALKER	Do.	Do.	Turner	27
	FRANCIS MUCKALL	Do.	Hanover	Labourer	18
	HANS PENCK	Do.	Do.	Do.	20
	ROBT. HEATH	Do.	London	Silversmith	23
	JOHN ECKLEY	Do.	Herefordshire	Glover	38
	THOMAS NASH	Do.	Herts	Labourer	28
	JOHN GIBBONS	Do.	Hants	Do.	19

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON, THE 19th DECr. 1755.

G. HIGGINSON.

No. 34.

1755

A LIST OF 52 SOLDIERS ON BOARD THE SHIP GODOLPHIN CAPTAIN WILLIAM HUTCHINSON COMMANDER

FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	THOMAS PRICHARD	Cadet	Herefordshire	Gentleman	21
	FRANCIS HOW	Soldier	Suffolk	Labourer	40
	HENRY CHRISTIAN	Do.	Northamptonshire	Do.	38
	MERRIS LATHAM	Do.	London	Taylor	20
	WILLIAM SHARMAN	Do.	Northamptonshire	Glass Grinder	37
	RICHARD CLARKE	Do.	Cambridgeshire	Linen Weaver	21
	JOHN REYNOLDS	Do.	Wilts	Labourer	24
	JOHN COVE	Do.	Do.	Soldier	28
	NATHl FLOYD	Do.	Sussex	Labourer	24
10	William Hooper	Do.	Somersetshire	Do.	32
	THOMAS GODDARD	Do.	London	Do.	18
	WILLIAM COLE	Do.	HERTS	Blacksmith	29
	JOHN LUCK	Do.	Germany	Cook	38
	THOMAS EDWARDS	Do.	Hertford	Sawyer	24
	BENJAMIN BARKER	Do.	Berks	Labourer	18
	QUINTIN COOK	Do.	Ipswich	Do.	19
	JOHN BURLEY	Do.	CHICHESTER	Do.	22
	JOHN THOMPSON	Do.	St. Albans	Do.	15
	JAMES MILBY	Do.	Scotland	Do.	31
20	THOMAS TIMS	Do.	Northamptonshire	Frame Work Knitter	23
	THOMAS SMITH	Do.	London	Labourer	32
	RICHARD DENNIS	Do.	Kent	Do.	18
	EDWARD GOULDING	Do.	Middlesex	Smith	35
	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Do.	Herefordshire	White Smith	29

A List of 52 Soldiers on Board the Ship Godolphin captain William Hutchinson Commander—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	Robt. Barker	Soldier	Yorkshire	Labourer	18
	Samuel Pate	Do.	Shrewsbury	Do.	18
	William Bean	Do.	Norfolk	Barber Surgeon	40
	Thomas Rowley.	Do.	Staffordshire	Breeches Maker	31
	Richard Harris.	Do.	London	Labourer	19
30	William Pitway.	Do.	Worcestershire	Weaver	29
	Thomas Wilson.	Do.	London	Mason	35
	Thomas Parker.	Do.	Do.	Carpenter	35
	Francis Pain	Do.	Oxon	Labourer	39
	John Langton	Do.	Bucks	Do.	27
	Thomas Hicks	Do.	Salop	Do.	22
	John Hayver	Do.	Oxon	Do.	18
	Edward Thornton.	Do.	Enfield	Do.	17
	Bryan Sky	Do.	London	Printer	27
	Thomas Nicholls.	Do.	Worcester	House Painter	40
40	John Chevalier.	Do.	Geneva	Watch Case Maker.	34
	Elias Souter	Do.	Do.	Lapidary	37
	Rodolph Marchant	Do.	Bale Switzerland	Ennameller	24
	John Bright	Do.	Yorkshire	Gunsmith	30
	Robt. Walker.	Do.	Scotland	Gardner	28
	Danl. Groves	Do.	Ireland	Stay Maker	25
	William Howard.	Do.	London	Weaver	19
	Joseph Marshall.	Do.	York	Barber	25
	Thomas Brown.	Do.	Derbyshire	Labourer	21
	Robt. Davis	Do.	Bridgewater	Do.	18
50	James Cavanagh.	Do.	Dublin	Weaver	20
	Joseph Dudbridge.	Do.	Gloucestershire	Cloth Worker	42
	Benjamin Turner.	Do.	Bristol	Labourer	18

East India House,
London, the 19th December, 1755.

G. Higginson.

No. 35.

1755

A List of Military on Board the Ship Marlborough Captain Alexander Macleod Commander.

For Fort St. George.

Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
Richard Wilson.	Cadet	London	Gentleman	26
John Dunstall.	Soldier	Do.	Labourer	18
Thomas Pooley.	Do.	Essex	Do.	18
John Johnson	Do.	Warwickshire	Barber	18

A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP MARLBOROUGH CAPTAIN ALEXANDER MACLEOD COMMANDER—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	John McBeath.	Soldier	London	Labourer	17
	George Pattison.	Do.	Do.	Shoe Maker	17
	Thomas Robins.	Do.	Norwich	Labourer	25
	Francis Stateman.	Do.	Sussex	Do.	17
	William Danser.	Do.	London	Watch Maker	34
10	Newman Mead.	Do.	Harlybush Essex	Labourer	19
	Richard Sibley.	Do.	London	Grocer	19
	James Waddums.	Do.	Oxon	Labourer	17
	Thomas Overton.	Do.	Wilts	Do.	18
	James Robinson.	Do.	Bristol	Do.	29
	Martin Moore.	Do.	Ireland	Do.	28
	Thomas Carberry.	Do.	London	Labourer	28
	Thomas Lythell.	Do.	Derbyshire	Do.	21
	Charles Mecan.	Do.	Essex	Do.	17
	James Leach	Do.	Hackney	Do.	17
20	Walter Drummond.	Do.	Edinburgh	Do.	27
	Thomas Bath	Do.	Farnborough	Do.	29
	John Williams.	Do.	Chester	Do.	18
	William Tren	Do.	Stepney	Do.	18
	James Myler	Do.	Ireland	Do.	21
	John Austin	Do.	St. Edmondsbury	Do.	18
	Simon Sudbury.	Do.	Cambridge	Barber	17
	Anthony Joseph.	Do.	Coventry	Labourer	21
	Edward Smith.	Do.	Oxon	Carpenter & Joiner	16
	David Belchier.	Do.	Essex	Painter & Glasier	22
30	Stephen Hinde.	Do.	Bedfordshire	Shoe Maker	25
	John Bickerstaff.	Do.	Herts	Labourer	35
	Francis Luffy.	Do.	London	Do.	18
	Philip Marshall.	Do.	Huntingtonshire	Soldier	40
	Thomas Tyler	Do.	Highgate	Labourer	17
	Thos. Fletcher.	Do.	London	Do.	19
	John Dalton	Do.	Northamptonshire	Stocking Maker.	21
	Saml. Carnes	Do.	Scotland	Stone Cutter	26
	William Wetherell.	Do.	Norfolk	Blacksmith	22
	James Septon	Do.	Nottingham	Stocking Weaver.	18
40	Joseph Brarely	Do.	Leeds Yorkshire	Weaver	33
	John Watts	Do.	Worcestershire	Taylor	19
	Thomas Mitchell.	Do.	London	Soldier	24
	William Wilson.	Do.	Warwickshire	Labourer	28
	William Harding.	Do.	Herts	Do.	29
	John Holland.	Do.	Lincolnshire	Shoe Maker	25
	Humphrey Davis.	Do.	London	Labourer	28
	James Busher	Do.	Do.	Hatter	27
	Joseph Nevill.	Do.	Norwich	Labourer	17
	Francis Iuce	Do.	Ireland	Soldier	26
50	William Willnot.	Do.	Kent	Labourer	21
	Robt. Giles	Do.	Yorkshire	Do.	22
	John White	Do.	Gloucestershire	Do.	25
	Thomas Deswell.	Do.	Herefordshire	Do.	32

A List of Military on Board the Ship Marlborough Captain Alexander Macleod Commander—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	Saml. Parrot	Soldier	Shadwell	Labourer	18
	George Fredk. Leover.	Do.	Germany	Do.	20
	James Linagen.	Do.	Meath Ireland	Weaver	27
	William Gulliford.	Do.	Herefordshire	Labourer	19
	Richard Bryers	Do.	Lancashire	Do.	17
	Thomas Wilkinson.	Do.	Cambridge	Do.	24
60	John Briggs.	Do.	Ireland	Do.	25
	Richard Johnson.	Do.	Wilts	Glass Grinder	22
	John Wm. Rothermond.	Do.	Hamborough	Labourer	22
	John Collins	Do.	Cornwall	Do.	25
	Nathl. Blanford.	Do.	London	Do.	28
	William Hughes.	Do.	Salop	Soldier	36
	John Summers	Do.	Herts	Labourer	30

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A List of Military on Board the Ship Chesterfield Captain Edwin Carter Commander,
for Bengal.

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	George Nichs. De Lubbers.	Ensign	Saxony	Gentleman	30
	William Hasty.	Soldier	Newmarket	Labourer	17
	Henry Weaver	Do.	Salop	Do.	34
	John Fennell	Do.	Northamptonshire	Do.	17
	John Dalby	Do.	Kent	Do.	18
	Stephen Patty	Do.	London	Do.	17
	Alexr. Moodie.	Do.	Fifeshire	Do.	26
	Thomas Wilson	Do.	London	Do.	18
	Anthony Sharman.	Do.	Lincolnshire	Carpenter	23
10	Mark Watkins	Do.	Gloucestershire	Labourer	27
	John Day	Do.	Lincolnshire	Do.	19
	William Warwick.	Do.	Northamptonshire	Do.	23
	Joseph Evans	Do.	Worcestershire	Buckle Maker	17
	Robt. Sharp	Do.	London	Labourer	36
	John Bushnell	Do.	Nottingham	Taylor	16

A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP CHESTERFIELD CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER COMMANDER—*cont.*

FOR BENGAL—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	NATH^L WILKINSON.	Soldier	Norfolk	Labourer	15
	RICHARD SIMMONS.	Do.	Essex	Do.	16
	WILLIAM EDGELER.	Do.	Surry	Do.	17
	SAMUEL FRANCIS.	Do.	Essex	Soldier	36
20	JOSEPH RESHAN.	Do.	Yorkshire	Clock Maker	33
	JAMES BEVERLEY.	Do.	Surry	Cooper	22
	JOSEPH WHISTON.	Do.	Staffordshire	Butcher	28
	THOMAS EAST	Do.	Oxon	Baker	17
	JAMES BOETER	Do.	Warwickshire	Labourer	26
	ROBT. FRENCH	Do.	Norfolk	Do.	30
	GEORGE WOODS	Do.	Lancashire	Do.	19
	JOSEPH COOKE	Do.	Bedfordshire	Do.	16
	JOHN JARVIS	Do.	Northamptonshire	Do.	15
	JOSEPH READ	Do.	Bristol	Baker	15
30	RICHARD REYNOLDS	Do.	Montgomerry-shire	Labourer	27
	JOHN COCKLIN	Do.	London	Do.	15
	JOSEPH TURNEY.	Do.	Bucks	Taylor	37
	JOHN HINDSON	Do.	London	Labourer	18
	ROB^T. BOUCHER.	Do.	Do.	Do.	18
	VERE MUNN	Do.	Do.	Cutler	18
	THOMAS ADDISON.	Do.	Scotland	Labourer	21
	GEORGE DENSHIRE	Do.	Leicester	Do.	16
	JOHN MACCOY	Do.	Portsmouth	Do.	19
	DAVID ASSER	Do.	London	Do.	18
40	SAMUEL FINCH	Do.	Suffolk	Do.	19
	DAN^L. HARRISON	Do.	Lancashire	Do.	19
	ANTHONY HALL.	Do.	Middlesex	Do.	29
	JOHN BARFOOT	Do.	Dorsetshire	Do.	28
44	JOHN NALDER	Do.	Berkshire	Plaisterer	19

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A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP WALPOLE CAPTAIN FRA^S. FOWLER COMMANDER.

FOR BENGAL.

Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
WILLIAM BROWN.	Ensign	Edinburgh	Gentleman	28
ROBERT BOULTON	Cadet	London	Do.	19
DANIEL SMITH	Soldier	Oxon	Baker	37

A List of Military on Board the Ship Walpole Captain Fras. Fowler Commander—*cont.*

for Bengal—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	John Pole	Soldier.	Leicestershire	Labourer	28
	William Forbes.	Do.	Shetland	Silk Weaver	21
	Robt Black	Do.	Edinburgh	Do.	22
	John Swift	Do.	Ireland	Soldier	28
	Benjamin Rogers.	Do.	Herts	Labourer	16
	George Oliver.	Do.	Kent	Do.	19
10	Isaac Wattkins.	Do.	London	Weaver	19
	William Towers.	Do.	Do.	Whitesmith	30
	Henry Lawson.	Do.	Bedford	House Painter	23
	John Hayes	Do.	London	Labourer	18
	James Tickner.	Do.	Sussex	Do.	20
	Richard Laflin.	Do.	Colchester	Barber	18
	Andrew Fouquet.	Do.	London	Do.	19
	John Alligen	Do.	Do.	Labourer	27
	Thomas Slaughter.	Do.	Exeter	Carpenter	33
	William Harrison.	Do.	London	Workg. Silver Smith.	33
20	Peter Decellee.	Do.	Norwich	Labourer	18
	James Gardner.	Do.	Edinburgh	Do.	36
	George Bennett.	Do.	Gloucester	Do.	19
	William Coates.	Do.	London	Do.	20
	Robt. Addison.	Do.	Westmoreland	Sawyer	26
	David Glass	Do.	Scotland	Shoemaker	28
	Edward Fox	Do.	Birmingham	Labourer	15
	John Martin	Do.	Kent	Blacksmith	18
	William Wallis.	Do.	Herts	Labourer	20
	Arnold Dollin.	Do.	Suffolk	Weaver	36
30	John Poole	Do.	Wilts	Labourer	29
	Laurence Moffatto.	Do.	Bristol	Dyer	29
	Robt. Smith	Do.	Windsor	Labourer	17
	John Randles	Do.	Cheshire	Do.	16
	John Jenkinson.	Do.	Derbyshire	Do.	27
	Thomas Gamsen.	Do.	Worcester	Do.	26
	Gray Wooding	Do.	Bedfordshire	Do.	36
	Daniel Evans	Do.	Carmarthen	Soldier	31
	Thomas Bennefield.	Do.	Norfolk	Chairmaker	26
	Richard Constable.	Do.	Yorkshire	Shoemaker	22
40	Thomas Gough.	Do.	London	Locksmith	24
	Josiah Cooke	Do.	Westminster	Labourer	17
	Edward Gutheridge.	Do.	Gloucester	Soldier	30
	John Platon	Do.	Yorkshire	Labourer	19
	Thomas Brewer	Do.	Hants	Do.	30
	Samuel Simmonds.	Do.	Hereford	Do.	16

A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP WALPOLE CAPTAIN FRA^{s}. FOWLER COMMANDER—*cont.*

FOR BENGAL—*cont.*

	Names.	*Quality.*	*Country.*	*Trade.*	*Age.*
	WILLIAM BIRD	Soldier	London	Labourer	18
	EDWARD HILLS.	Do.	Lincolnshire	Baker	23
	THOMAS BIDDLE.	Do.	Northamptonshire.	Weaver	30
	WILLIAM BEDWELL.	Do.	London	Butcher	25
50	GEORGE VEIT	Do.	Switzerland	Baker	25
	WILLIAM CHAMBERS.	Do.	Lincolnshire	Painter & Glasier.	25
	WILLIAM MELL	Do.	Norfolk	Mason	28
	WILLIAM KNOX.	Do.	Edinburgh	Labourer	21
	SIMON LOVES	Do.	Essex	Do.	20
55	GEORGE THOMPSON.	Do.	Southwarks	Do.	17

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No. 38.

LIST OF SHIPS SAILED FOR THE EAST INDIES IN 1754 & 1755 AND OF THOSE ARRIVED SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

Ships.	*Tons.*	*Men.*	*Guns.*	*Commanders.*	*Consignment.*	*When sailed.*
Bombay Castle	499	99	26	Thomas Browne.	Fort St. George & China.	16th Decemr. 1754.
Drake	499	99	26	Benjamin Fisher.	China directly.	19th ditto.
Earl of Holdernesse	499	99	26	Matthew Court	China directly.	19th ditto.
Rhoda	499	99	26	John Mc.nemara	Fort St. George & China.	19th ditto.
Prince of Wales	499	99	26	William Peck	Fort St. George & China.	19th ditto.
Hardwicke	499	99	26	John Samson	Madeira. and Coast and Bay	19th ditto.
Prince George	499	99	26	Philip Jodrell.	Bencoolen & China.	2nd Janry. 1755.
Exeter	499	99	26	William Fernell	St. Helena & BencooN.	2nd Janry. 1755.
Eastcourt	499	99	26	Arthur Evans.	Coast and Bay.	17th February.
Duke of Dorsett	499	99	26	Bernard Forrester.	Coast and Bay.	17th February.

LIST OF SHIPS SAILED FOR THE EAST INDIES IN 1754 & 1755 AND OF THOSE ARRIVED SINCE THE LAST ADVICES—*cont.*

Ships.	*Tons.*	*Men.*	*Guns.*	*Commanders.*	*Consignment*	*When sailed*
Pelham	499	99	26	George Lindsay	Bombay	23rd April.
Edgecote	499	99	26	John Pearse	Bombay	23rd April.
Stretham	499	99	26	Charles Mason.	Bombay	23rd April.
Houghton	499	99	26	Richard Walpole.	Bombay	23rd April.
Dodington	499	99	26	James Samson.	Fort St. George.	23rd April.
Dragon	350	50	18	Michael Morgan.	Bombay	9th May
Griffin	499	99	26	Thomas Dethick.	St. Helena & Limpao.	31st Octor.
Delawar	425	85	20	Thomas Winter.	Coast and Bay.	31st Octor.

ARRIVED.

Names.	*From whence.*	*When arrived.*
Montfort	Bengal	13th May 1755.
Sandwich	Mocha and Bombay	1st June.
Prince Edward	Bombay	2d Do.
Ilchester	China	3d Do.
Grantham	Bencoolen	3d Do.
Warwick	Bombay	19th Do.
Essex	China	23rd Do.
Princess Augusta	China	23rd Do.
Norfolk	Fort St. George	24th Do.
Olslow	China	24th June.
Triton	China	Do.
Stafford	China	4th July.
Lord Anson	China	1st Augt.
True Briton	Do.	1st Augt.
York	Bengal & Malabar Coast	1st Augt.
Elizabeth	Bengal & West Coast	1st Augt.
Colchester	Bengal	21st Do.
Winchelsea	Fort St. George	10th September.
Prince Henry	Bombay & Malabar Coast.	2nd October.
Egmont	Bengal	4th Do.
Shaftsbury	Bombay	18th Do.

The Ships Oxford, Harcourt and Marlborough were in the Downes by Yesterdays post.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,

THE 22nd DECEMBER 1755.

ROBT. JAMES,

Secretary.

LIST OF SHIPS SAILED FOR INDIA SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

Ships.	*Commanders.*	*Consignment.*	***When sailed.***
Harcourt	William Webber	China directly	**30th Janry. 1756.**
Caernarvon	Norton Hutchinson	Fort St George and China.	
Stormont	Josiah Hindman	Fort St George and China.	
Suffolk	William Wilson	Fort St George and China.	
Godolphin	William Hutchinson	Fort St George and China.	
Oxford	Thomas Stevens	St. Helena & Bencoolen	
Marlborough	Alexander Macleod	**Madeira & Coast &** Bay.	

EAST INDIA HOUSE, LONDON,
THE 13th FEBRUARY 1756.

ROBt. JAMES,
Secretary.

No. 39.

ACCOUNT OF GOODS OVER AND WANTING BY THE FOLLOWING SHIPS ARRIV'D ANNO. 1755.

NORFOLK

Longcloth ..	No. 2	....	wanting	Bs 1
	2 V	....	over	1
	DC2 Pag	46.18.72 ₽ C.o	Wanting	2
	DC3	47·18	Over	1
	DC3	45.18.72	wanting	2
	DW2	45.13.48	over	2
	DW3	46.18	wanting	3
	DW3	44.13.48	over	3
	I2	....	do	1
	VO2	....	do.	1
	M3	....	wanting	1
	3M	....	do.	1

meas.d. & embald ₽ Ino. Browning MOOREES No. 2 .. wanting Ps. 5

The Gunnies of this Bale was sound but the wrappers rent.

	Callawapores	No. 1	do.	4

instead of 1 piece of which came 1 Ps. of Allejars.

	Sastracundies	No. 1	do.	12
	Roml. Metchlepm.	1	do.	2
	Chints Baftaes	1	do.	13½
	₽WINCHELSEA.			
	Longcloth	12	Wanting	Bs 1
		3 M	over	1

No appearance of Plunder in any of the above Bales where pieces are wanting except the Moorees.

EAST INDIA Ho.
6th NOVR. 1755.

JOB. WILLIAMS.

No. 40.

ACCOUNT OF THE WEIGHTS & TOWER ASSAYS OF THE FOLLOWING RUPEES & PAGODAS RECD. FROM FORT ST. GEORGE.

Recd. 25th June 1755 ⅌ Norfolk.

		Ozs. dwts. gr.	dwts. gr.
Rupees 37	n. 13.15 is for each 7 Rupees.		10 14/37
for assay	3	each Br	11½
	5	....	12
	1	....	12½
	1	....	13
Arcot Rupees	55	n	20·3·18 is for each 7 8 2/11
	3	each Br	2½
	5	..	3
	2		3½
		dwts gr.	
Madras Pagodas	8wt	17·15	is for each 2·4 7/8
	4 each Wt. 1oz. 1gr. 1/4		
Currt. Pagodas	4	n.	8·18 is for each .. 2·4½
	1	..	2·2¼
	1	....	2·2¾
	1	...	2·3
	1	....	2·3¾

Recd. 16th September 1755 ⅌ Winchelsea.

		Ozs. dwt. gr.	
Madras Rupees	10 n.	3·14 —	is for each .. 7·9 6/10
	2	each Br	11½
	2	....	12
	1		13
Arcot Rupees	10	n. 3·13 6	is for each .. 7.7 8/10
	1	Standard	
	2	each Br	2½
	2	....	3
			dwt. gr.
Currt. Pagodas	5 n	....	10·22
	2	each Wt.	23¾
	1	....	3
Madras Pagodas	5 n	....	11
			dwt. gr.
	3	each Wt.	1·2

Remarks on the Assay Masters Letter to the President & Council of Fort St. George, dated 24th June 1754 recd. ⅌ Norfolk 25th June 1755 relating to a parcel of Estimates received there.

Remarks, the Estimates above mentioned are of the same kind, that have been always sent to Fort St. George consisting generally of small parts and of two sorts of coin, viz.

Maxicos & Pillar, which are of pretty near equal fineness and thrown together are therefore called Estimates, so that of whatever fineness those Coins are the same will be the parts that are taken off from them, and have been reckoned for some time past to be near 5 dwts. Worse than standard.

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East India House, London,
5 December 1755.

No. 41.

List of Persons not in the Companys Service who have their Permission to proceed to or remain in the East Indies since the last advices.

Persons names.	*Capacity.*	*Place they go to.*	*On what ship.*
Ann Helena Troughton.	Passenger	Fort St. George	Marlborough.
Ann Roberts	do.	for India	Oxford.
Sarah Hampson	do.	Fort St. George	....
Mary Ann Davis	do. (Mrs. Campbell's Servt.)	do.	Marlborough.
Giles Stibbert	Mariner	Bengal	Godolphin.
William Davidson	do.	Fort St. George	....
Fitz Owen Jones	do.	Bengal	....

The above Persons have each given the Company Security in £ 200 not to be chargeable to them in the East Indies.

Persons names.	*Capacity.*	*Place they go to.*	*On what ship.*
Mary French	Passenger	Bengal	Delawar.
Paulina French	(Mr. French's Daughter.)	do.	do.
Mary French	do neice	do.	do.
Walton Steevens	Free Merchant	Fort St. George	Delawar.
Mary Campbell	Passenger	do.	Marlborough.
Thomas Dugal Campbell.	(Mrs. Campbell's son)	do.	do.
Margery Croke	do.	do.	
Mary Guy	do.	Bengal	
Ann Martha Bellamy.	do.	do.	
John Pye	Free Merchant		
William Magee	do.	Fort St. George.	Stormont.
Patrick Plunkett	do.		
William Moffatt	do.	Fort St. George	

Persons names.	*Capacity.*	*Place they go to.*	*On what ship.*
James Jones	do.	....	
David Dore	do.	Bengal	Stormont.

East India House, London,

the 22d December 1755.

Robt. James,

Secretary.

No. 41.

List of Persons not in the Companys Service who have their permission to proceed to or remain in the East Indies since the last Advices.

Persons names.	*Capacity.*	*Place they go to.*	*On what ship.*
William Eyre —	Mariner .. —	Bengal — —	Chesterfield.
Reeve Jobbins —	do. — —	do. — —	Walpole.
George Coates —	do. .. —	Bombay — —	
Elizabeth Scottney —	Passenger — —	Fort St. George —	Chesterfield.
Francis Price —	do. — —	Bombay — —	
Elizabeth Watson —	do. — —	do. — —	
Dorothy Hatfield —	do. — —	do. — —	

The above persons have each given security in £ 200 not to become chargeable to the Company in the East Indies.

Persons.	*Capacity.*	*Place they go to.*	*On what ship.*
John Simmons —	Free Merchant —	Bengal — — —	
John Plenderleath —	do. — —	Bombay — —	
John Anthony Trembly	Passenger	India — — —	Walpole.

East India House, London,

the 13th February 1756.

Robt. James,

Secretary

No. 42.

To the Honourable the Court of Directors, for Affairs of the Honourable the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

Honourable.

We received a Letter by Order of your President and Council bearing date the 28th day of January 1754, Enclosing Paragraph of your General Letter to them, dated January 24th, 1753, In which you desire, that we would transmit to you particular Accounts of the several Proceedings in our Jurisdiction, pointing out to you any further alterations Powers and Authorities that may be necessary, or wherein the Present should be varied.

We addressed your President and Council by Letter bearing date the 20th day of February 1754, Copy of which is inserted in our Book of Letters sent, for the last year.

1 In that Letter you will find Reasons were given for the altering that part of the Charter, which excludes the Indian Natives from commencing any Suits against each other in this Court, and further Experience has now furnished us with stronger Proofs that their not having it in their power to apply for redress, when any disputes happen amongst them, touching Civil Suits, is not only an Inconvenience to them, but to every European Merchant in these Settlements. as well as a Prejudice to the Interest of the East India Company in particular; And there is undoubted reason to believe that the remedy pointed out by the Charter to Wit, "That all Suits and Actions shall be determined among themselves." as it is a remedy attended with very great Expence, and perhaps with unbounded frauds, is by no means agreeable to them. And it seems to be the earnest desire of Men of the best Characters amongst them to be put upon the same footing with regard to the application to Justice in Civil Matters as they were formerly should it be thought proper to have this part of the Royal Charter altered. We must entreat you will be as explicit as possible both in your Orders and Instructions whether our Authority is to Extend with equal Force and Efficacy in such new possessions as are already, or may hereafter be added to the Honble Company's former Jurisdictions, as it is now in this and the other Factory's subject or Subordinate thereto, or to the "Governor or President and Council of Fort St. George.

2 The Case of Insolvent Debtors in these parts who are ready to give a just and true Account of their Estates, and whose Principal Creditors are willing to accept of such Accounts, deserves particular consideration. In England statutes of Bankruptcy in such cases may be taken out which relieve them from further Molestation on account of their Debts, but as this was present impracticable here, We therefore think some Relief of that kind would be very useful to the Trade of these Settlements.

3 We have reason to believe that the manner in which Commission has been charged by many Executors in these Settlements may be liable to exception and although we do not imagine it would be expedient to make any Enquiry into what has passed under the former Courts upon this Head, yet we are

desirous that matter of such Universal concernment to the public should be put upon as certain and clear a footing as circumstances can Admit of, be pleased therefore that it may be taken into consideration, and that we may receive your opinion upon it, in as particular and distinct a manner as possible to serve us as our future Guidance; But we desire that particular notice may be taken that Europeans dying in these Settlements are almost in every respect differently circumstanced from those who dye in England, not having their Relations and often but few of their Friends near them, who will take the Trouble to perform the Office of an Executor, and therefore many reasons may be urged for allowing a reasonable Commission, either upon the sales of the Effects, the Receipt of money or on the Nett Estate & c^a^. If a Testator should leave a Legacy to his Executor, a sufficient Recompence for his trouble it may not be reasonable to allow any Commission, But if no such Legacy is left, it may often, if not always be found necessary to allow a Commission, because otherwise the Executor may refuse to Act, and this may prove of material prejudice to the Estate, since it must be supposed that the Person appointed by the Testator to be the executor, is looked upon as the most capable person, to discharge that Trust, and if it should be said, That a Testator has it always in his Power to consider the leaving a Legacy in making his will, let it be considered that perhaps the greatest part of Testators may be unacquainted with this matter, and likewise that others may forget it, in an Act which many are found to put off, too near their last moments, We therefore think this matter may be put upon such a footing as to hinder Executors from taking an Advantage of the uncertainty upon which this Affair does at present stand.

4. Since Commission is the only reward which Administrators have for their Trouble, we apprehend that no doubt can be made of their Right to the same and more especially in the East Indies, But that this matter may likewise be sufficiently understood, we should be glad to have your Opinion in that manner this Commission is to be charged; Thus much only we suggest upon it that from the frequent experience of the difficulty that is found in prevailing upon proper Persons to accept of Administrations, there will be a necessity to give Encouragement to honest and capable Men to receive those Trusts rather than to lessen any Emolument which they may except as compensation for what does often prove very Troublesome to them.

5. By referring to the Rules of Practice framed by the former Mayors Court you will find, that on the 20th of November 1744 an Order passed "That no suit, Action, Bill or Plaint should be commenced or received in that Court after the 20th of November 1746, unless the same was prosecuted within ten years from and after the Cause of such Suit or Action had arisen, or should arise (except, as is therein excepted) But the loss of this Place did not only prevent this Order being put in force, but likewise has deprived us of an Opportunity of knowing whether the then Hon'ble Court of Directors did approve of the same or not altho' we join in Opinion with the former Mayors Court that this Rule was well Calculated for the benefit of these Settlements, and so well adapted to the Temper and constitution of the Natives in particular, that if they should be admitted to apply to this Court, in the same manner as to the former it may be extremely necessary and proper for this Court to adopt that Rule as soon as the Causes of actions which have arisen before the loss of Madras, and during the time that there was no Court, are determined, always having a strict regard that such causes of Action shall not exceed the time limited by

the Statutes. But under the present circumstances We are of Opinion that in many cases there will be a necessity to receive Suits, Actions & c^{a}. as well upon Specialities, as simple contracts, not only of an Older date than the time limited by the abovementioned Rule, but even further back than what is prescribed by the Statutes of Limitations, Because by the loss of Madras no Person had an opportunity to apply to Justice during the space of seven years, and if it should be determined that the natives shall enjoy the same Privileges in applying to justice as they did formerly, the time with regard to them is already above eight years, and is daily encreasing, We cannot therefore at present but took upon those seven years, (occasioned by the Loss of this Place) as a Chasm in the Administration of Justice, with regard to all such matters as are Cognizable by this Court, for otherwise it must happen that in many cases we cannot avoid acting in express contradiction to Statute 21st Jac. 1. Cap. 16. Sec. 3. which limits actions of account and upon the case, and all actions of Debt grounded upon any lending or contract, without speciality and all actions of Debt, for arrearages of Rent & c^{as}. to six years, likewise some actions to four years, and others to Two Years, and for that reason, it is, that We think it proper to receive Suits, actions & c^{a}. beyond the Statutes of Limitations, and therefore in reckoning the time from which the cause of Suits and Actions take their rise, to bring it conformable to the Statutes of Limitations. It is our Resolution to omit those seven years, as if no such space had happened and We cannot but think that the time which the natives have been already excluded from the Court, as well as whatever further time they may hereafter be excluded, should likewise be annihilated, with regard to them, as well as the seven years abovementioned.

6 Having considered the advantage that will accrue to this Place by hearing Petty causes, not exceeding the value of Twenty Pagodas, nor less than five in a summary way, We do therefore intend to adopt a rule of Practice made for Petty causes by the former Mayors Court the 5th day of June 1733, and propose to put the same in to Execution as soon as conveniently may be.

7 Finding it frequently necessary in the Course of our Proceedings to have a particular information of the Laws of England in many cases that come before Us, We did in consequene thereof apply to your President and Council for such Law Books as were sent out, as will appear by our Letter to them dated the 10th of December last, they thereupon sent us Cays Abridgment of the Statutes, Hawkins's Pleas of the Crown, Barlows Justice, Blackerby's Justice. Office of the Clerk of the Peace, which they have Duplicates of, and at the same time acquainted us, that they had, Woods Institutes, Horseman's Conveyancing, Wood's Conveyancing, Jacob's Law Dictionary, Molloy de Jure Maritimo, Domalis Civil Law and Wood's Civil Law, but as they had no Duplicates of them, they were not sent, We therefore think it necessary to desire that you will send us these last mentioned Books, together with such others as you may think necessary for the benefit of this Court, and we likewise request that you will send us such Acts of Parliament as relate to any matters cognizable by this Court and which have passed since the Publication of the above Books which we already have, or which you may hereafter send. And that you will be pleased to transmit from time to time whatever new Acts of Parliament may pass in future that are to Extend to the Jurisdiction of these Settlements.

Inclosed you will receive a List of our Packet, together, with Copies of such Rules and Orders as have been made by this Court since its Re-establishment.

WE ARE,

HONOURABLE,

FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
7th January 1755.

Your most obedient Humble servants,
Signed by Order of the Mayors Court

DAN^L^. MORSE,

Registrar.

No. 43.

Sirs,

I last night received your Favour, with the enclosed Extract of the Hon'ble Company's General Letter to the President and Council of Fort S^t^. George, containing clauses relative to the Swiss Troops in their Service; Which clauses I entirely agree to, As I shall let the Four Captains know, and fully explain to them, for their readier Concurrence in effectuating the Hon'ble Court's Intentions.

I am,

Sirs,

Your most obedient Humble Servant,

(Signed) L. SCHAUB.

OLD BOND STREET, THURSDAY,
18th December 1755.

(A true copy)

ROB^T^. JAMES,

Secretary.

To Robert James Esqr.

No. 44.

TO THE HON'BLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY.

The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Savage Daughter and Administratrix of Mr. John Savage dec^d^.

SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner's Father John Savage served your Honors several years on your Fort Marlborough Establishment, and dyed while he had the chief management of your affairs at Moco Moco, that the Trustees for his Estate having settled his concerns and paid the Ballance of his Estate into your Cash at that Settlement, the same was at about the year 1740, and after all Demands had been satisfied there, wrote off from the Fort Marlborough Books to Account Currant Fort Saint George.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly Prays your Honors Directions for the Examination of the Deceased's accounts, and that you will be pleased to Order that she may be paid the value of the Credit which shall appear due to the said Estate and Your Petitioner (as in duty bound) shall ever pray.

AT A COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS THE 12th NOVEMBER 1755.

Pursuant to Order of Court of the 1st October last We have considered the Request of M$^{rs.}$ Elizabeth Savage Daughter and Administratrix of M$^{r.}$ John Savage late of Fort Marlborough deceased, to be paid what due to him, and it appears that by Fort Marlborough Books KK ending 30th April 1741 the account of his Estate is credited for P. 1616. 2. 53. which is wrote off to Account Currant Fort S$^{t.}$ George.

The following article being for P. 836. 3. 11. as part thereof is Entered in the Journal KK Page 27 vix$^{t.}$

"Cash D$^{r.}$ . . . . to Estate to John Savage Received of Robert "Lennax Esq$^{r.}$ the Ballance of an Account Currant settled by Mr. Savage "before his decease, which sum was left in Mr. Lennax's care, to, to answer "in part for the several claims from Mr. Everest and other Creditors and is "now paid into Cash, the Estate being referr'd to be adjusted at Fort S$^{t.}$ "George . . . . . P. 836. 3. 11."

And that Fort S$^{t.}$ George Books 00 ending. 30th April 1740. only the sum of P. 562. 1. 10. part of the above Credit of P. 1616. 2. 53. is brought to the credit of his Estate, or Pag^{o} 374.30.48. which is carried on to Books VV ending 30th April 1746 and not wrote off to Account Currant London.

We are therefore of Opinion that Directions should be given to Fort S$^{t.}$ George and Fort Marlborough to enquire into the claims on that Estate and what shall appear due thereon to be wrote off to Account Currant London to be paid here.

Which we submit to the Determination of os.

No. 45.

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors of the United East India Company.

The Memorial of Timothy Tullie Esquire.

Sheweth.

That your Memorialist being a Creditor to the Estate of Narrain deceased begs leave to set forth that although the Hon'ble Company have given full and clear Directions respecting the Pagoda of Chindadre Pettah, yet there are other Estates belonging to the said Narrain which have never been noticed, and that the Heirs are now in Possession of said Grants which cost the Deceased 29000, Pagodas viz[t].

Poonamallee, Mademangulum and Trepassore dependent on Chindadre Pettah yielded annually Pag[s].	1,600
Cadapaucum also dependent on Chindadre Pettah, the yearly Revenue.	1,000
Pagodas ..	2,600

And exclusive of what has been recovered by your Governor and Council of Madras, there is a considerable sum Collected by Narrains Trustees, that still remains in their hands.

Your Memorialist therefore prays that Orders may be given for the Collecting of those Estates and recovering what the Trustees owe and that an Account Current be annually Transmitted the Company shewing the several Receipts & Disbursements.

No. 46.

Honourable Sirs,

Advices this Year from Fort Marlborough inform, my Attorneys have paid into Cash there, Five thousand Two hundred Spanish Dollars, for which at 4 Dollars ℔ Pound Sterling the Supravisors and Council granted them Certificates on your Honours payable to me or Order, the same was delivered into the Secretarys Office the 9th Ultimo to be presented in Court for your Honours acceptance. Soon after being necessitated to leave London for some time, I called for the certificate and not meeting with Mr. James was directed to Mr. Hert, who told me it lay in his hand unaccepted, on account of a refund charged to me by the Supravisors Mess[rs]. Walsh and Pybus, the Licences of Fort Marlborough now letting for a great deal more than they did in my time,

which deficiency they thought Just I should make Good, its true the monthly increase is said to be considerable, and that might lead the Gentlemen to suspect Clandestine Practice, it's not to be imagined I hope, that I could influence everybody not to bid and indeed defy proof that I ever attempted to intimidate any single person, therefore must Judge their resolution premature, for they certainly must know, previous notice by Order in Council was annually fixed at the Fort Gates, that the several Licences of the Coast for 12 Months ensuing would be exposed to publick sale and on the Appointed day the Major part of the Settlement generally assembled and the best bidder was there declared the purchaser, these circumstances had they been maturely considered, no reflection could be thrown on me surely they cannot deem me answerable and accountable for the difference in Revenues, between Year and Year if they do, I hereby appeal to Your Honours who I don't doubt but will weigh the Equity of the case with impartiality, and if my presence is necessary for further elucidation in the affair. I have requested Mr. Hert to favour me with notice and I shall do my utmost to give punctual attendance, being unfeignedly.

AVINGTON NEAR WINCHESTER

JULY 11TH 1755.

HONOURABLE SIRS,

Your most obedient servant at command,

JOS. HURLOCK.

TO, THE HON'BLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY.

No. 47.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, The United Company of Merchants of England, Trading to the East-Indies, Send GREETING. WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, It is (amongst other Things) Enacted, That if any of His Majesty's Subjects should, from and after the twentieth Day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen, fail, go, or repair to, or be in the East-Indies, in the Countries and Parts of Asia and Africa, or in such Places of Asia, Africa, and America, or any of them, beyond the Cape of Bona Esperanza to the Streights of Magellan, where any Trade or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used or had, contrary to the laws then in being, or the Tenor of the said Act; such Persons, so offending, should be liable to such Punishment as by any Law in being might be inflicted for such Offence; and that it should and might be lawful and for the United Company of Merchants of England, Trading to the East-Indies, and their Successors, to take, arrest and seize, or cause to be taken, arrested and seized, such Person or Persons, being a Subject or Subjects of His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, at any Place or Places where he or they shall be found, within the limits or Places aforesaid; and the Person and Persons, so taken, arrested and seized, to send and remit to England, there to answer for the Offence aforesaid according to due Course of Law. And it was in and by

the Said Act provided and enacted, that the said Act should continue in Force for five Years; and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer. AND WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George, the said Act of the fifth Year of His said late Majesty was further continued in Force for seven Years, from the 25th Day of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-three, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. AND WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the fifth year of the Reign of His present Majesty the said first mentioned Act is revived, and further continued in Force for seven Years, from the first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-two, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

AND WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, the last recited Act of the fifth Year of His present Majesty is continued till the first Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Seven. AND by another Act of Parliament, made in the twentieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, the same Act is further continued from the Expiration thereof until the twenty-fifth Day of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty; as in and by the said Acts, Relation being thereunto had, may more fully appear. NOW KNOW YE, That we the said United Company do (by Virtue of the Power granted to us by the abover mentioned Act, and Acts of Parliament) hereby Authorise and Empowe-Captain Edwin Carter Commander of the ship Chesterfield and the Commander for the time being pursuant to the Powers of the said Acts to take, arrest, and seize, all and every Person and Persons, being a Subject or Subjects of His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, offending against the Laws aforesaid, within the Places aforesaid; and the Person, and Persons so taken, arrested and seized, to send and remit to England, to answer for his or their Offence, according to due Course of Law, IN WITNESS whereof the said United Company have hereunto caused their Common Seal to be affixed, this Eleventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty six.

No. 48.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES, HOLDEN THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER, 1752.

WHEREAS We the said Court of Directors being willing to give all fitting Encouragement to the Commanders, Officers, and Seamen, on Board the Ships which shall, from Time to Time, be Employed to and from the East-Indies, and within the limits of the Company's Charter, We do hereby Declare as follows, viz.

That the Commanders, Officers, and Seamen, may export in Bullion, or such Goods as shall be allowed by the Court of Directors, or any Committee appointed by them, each of them the Sums or Values hereunder-mentioned, so

as the same be for their own proper Use and Account, and not for the Account of any other Person or Persons whatsoever; and so as the same be invested in the Goods and Merchandizes hereby declared to be allowed, and not in any of the Goods or Merchandizes reserved for the Trade of the said Company, except as hereunder-mentioned. Provided, That each Person, Exporting all or Part of the said Sums or Values, or importing the Produce of them, do not take up more of the Ship's Tonnage, than the limited Proportion allowed to such Person, as his Part or Share of the Charter-Party Allowance. Provided also, That the Commanders, Officers, Or Seamen, shall not be allowed to dispose of their Privilege to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, or to make Use of the Privilege allowed to any other, viz.

The Commander Three Hundred Pounds, Chief Mate Sixty Pounds, Second Mate Forty Pounds, Third Mate Thirty Pounds, Purser Thirty Pounds, Fourth Mate Twenty Pounds, and to all other Chief Officers, as Surgeon, Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenter, Steward, and Quarter Master, each Fifteen Pounds, the Midshipmen Ten Pounds upon every Hundred Tons, the Ship they serve in shall be Lett for; and to all other Seamen the Value of Ten Pounds only each Man, be the Ships more or less in Burthen.

And as a further Encouragement to the Commanders, they are each of them hereby allowed to export or carry out in Bullion, or such Goods as the Company do not Trade in, the Value of so much further, as with the before-mentioned Privilege will make their Outward-bound Adventure amount to Three Thousand Pounds.

And We do hereby allow each Commander to invest in India the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, and no more, under the following Limitations, and to pay the Remainder of the Produce of the said Outward-bound Adventure, into the Company's Cash, at the same Rates of Exchange as their Covenant Servants are at present allowed.

Goods hereby allowed to be imported by the Commanders, Officers, and Seamen, Viz.

Agates,
Ambergrease,
Ammoniacum,
Arrack, Four Leaguers for each One Hundred Tons the Ship is Lett for, paying upon what exceeds that Quantity One Shilling and Six Pence per Gallon, over and above all other Duties,
China Ware, not in China Ships, to the gross Amount of Two Hundred Pounds at the Company's Candle,
Civet,
Cordivants and all Sorts of Leather,
Cornelian Rings,
Cubebs,
Diamonds, Pearls, and all Precious Stones,
Rattans, Two Hundred Bundles for each One Hundred Tons the Ship is lett for, but upon all Exceedings to pay Ten Shillings each Bundle, as far as One Hundred Bundles, and all farther Exceedings to be forfeited,
Rhubarb,
Rice,

Assa-Foetida,
Benjamin,
Bezoar Stones,
Ebony Wood,
Gallingal,
Goa Stones,
Roman Vitriol,
Safflower,
Sagoe,

GOODS HEREBY ALLOWED TO BE IMPORTED BY THE COMMANDERS, OFFICERS, AND SEAMEN, VIZ—*cont.*

Cabinets, not in China Ships,	Gold,	Sal Armoniack,
Cambogium,	Japan Ware, not in China Ships,	Sanguis Draconis,
Campblre,	Lacks of all sorts,	Scamony,
Canes,	Lacquer'd ware not in China ships,	Sealing Wax,
Cardemoms,	Lapis Luzuli,	Senna,
Cossia Fisttula,	Lapis Tutioe,	Skreens, not in China Ships,
Cassia Lignea,	Long Pepper,	Spices, viz. Chinnamon, Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs, and their Oils,
China Fans and Pictures, not in China Ships.	Mirabolans, Musk,	Spikenard, Sugar Candy.
China Images and Pictures, ditto,	Myrrb,	Tamarinds,
China Roots, China Ware, Cabinets, China Fans and Pictures, China Images and Pictures, Japan Ware, Lacquer'd Ware, Skreens,	Nux Vomica, Olibanum, Opium, *Oppoponax, Orpiment, Ostrich's Feathers, Rangoes,	Tea in China Ships, and in them only, Two Hundred Weight for each Hundred Ton the Ship is Lett for, Tortoise-Shells, Tutenague, Wormseeds,

*In China Ships and in them only Four Tons, for each One Hundred Tons the Ship is Lett for and on all Exceedings to pay Thirty Pounds for each Ton, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.

And any other Goods which are not reserved, as hereunder mentioned.

And We do hereby Declare, That upon all the above-mentioned Goods there shall be charged and paid the Customs, the Company's Duty of Five per Cent. (except Arrack, on which Six Pence per Gallon shall be paid instead of the Five per cent.) and the customary Charge of Two per Cent for Warehouse-room, on all Goods, excepting China-Ware and Lacquer'd-Ware, whereon Four per Cent, shall be paid.

GOODS RESERVED FOR THE TRADE OF THE SAID COMPANY, VIZ.

Musslins, Callicoes, and all Sorts of Goods, and Merchandizes made with Cotton, or Silk, or Herba, of what Denomination soever.

Carmenia Wool,
Coffee,
Cotton Wool,
Cotton Yarn,
Cowries,
Peper, Black or White,
Raw Silk, of all Sorts,
Ditto Thrown,
Saltpetre,
Redwood,
Tea, of all Sorts, except as before mentioned.
Turmerick.

But notwithstanding the above Reservation, the Court of Directors do hereby, as a further Encouragement, allow each Commander to lay out and invest, in India, to the Amount of Two Thousand Pounds (Part of the above-mentioned Three Thousand Pounds) reckoning the Pagoda at Eight Shillings, and the Rupee at Two Shillings and Six Pence, in any of the Commodities so reserved, excepting only such as may be limited or prohibited in their Instructions, and provided each Commander bring no more than Five Hundred Pieces of any particular Species of Piece-Goods, nor the China Captains more than half their Three per Cent. Privilege in Tea, upon paying the Five per Cent. Duty, Fifteen per Cent. Indulgence, and the usual Warehouse-room, upon the gross Sale thereof at the Candle.

And upon all Exceedings of the before mentioned Allowances, an additional Duty of Thirty per Cent. on the gross Sale shall be paid for the Use of the said Company, except on China Ware, Cabinets, China Fans and Pictures, China Images and Pictures, Japan Ware, Lacquer'd Ware and Skreens in China Ships, and in them [illegible], and also on Arrack and Rattans, which are to remain on the Terms above stated.

No. 49.

COPY VICTUALLING, BILL, AND STORES OF THE SHIP CHESTERFIELD CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER COMMANDER, BURTHEN 499 TONS, 99 MEN, 26 GUNS, BOUND FOR COAST & BAY. VIZ.

Ale, Strong Beer, Syder or Mum, in Casks or Bottles, according to Bulk	Five Tons.
Beef, Pork, Bacon, Sewit and Tongues	Twenty-five Tons.
Beer Strong, in Casks (not Bottles)	Six Tons
Beer Small	Forty Tons.
Bread	Thirty Thousand Wei ht
Butter	Thirty Firkins

COPY VICTUALLING, BILL AND STORES OF THE SHIP CHESTERFIELD CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER COMMANDER, BURTHEN 499 TONS, 99 MEN 26 GUNS BOUND FOR COAST & BAY, VIZ.—*cont.*

Brandy and English spirits	Two Hundred and fifty Gallons.
Billet Wood	Twenty-five Thousand.
Brimstone	Two Hundred Weight.
Coals	Fifteen Chaldrons.
Candles	Fifty Dozen.
Cheese	Fifty Hundred Weight.
Chirurgery and Drugs	Fifty Pounds Value.
Canvass	Twenty Bolts.
Flower	Seventy Hundred Weight.
Fish ℔ Tale	Seven Thousand.
Fruit	Fifteen Hundred Weight.
Gunpowder	Fifty Barrels.
Iron Shot	Four Tons.
Iron for Store	Four Tons.
Lime Juice	One Hundred Gallons.
Lead Shot of Sorts	Two Tons.
Mustard-feed	Ten Bushels.
Oatmeal	Fifty Bushels.
Oil, Sweet and Lamp	Three Hundred Gallons.
Oats, Barley and Bran	Three Hundred Bushels.
Oranges and Lemons	Six Chests.
Pease	One Hundred and Eighty Bushels.
Pitch	Twenty Barrels.
Red and White Herring and Salmon	Five Barrels.
Rosin	Six Hundred Weight.
Spare Cordage	Five Tons.
Sheet Lead for Store	Ten Hundred Weight.
Sauces of all Sorts	Five Cases.
Salt, White and Bay	Forty Bushels.
Sugar and Spice	Fifteen Hundred Weight.
Slops	Two Chests.
Tobacco	Twenty Hundred Weight.
Tobacco Pipes	One Hundred Groce.
Tar	Twenty Barrels.
Turpentine	Three Barrels.
Vinegar	Six Hogsheads.

Copy Victualling, Bill, and Stores of the Ship Chesterfield Captain Edwin Carter Commander, Burthen 499 Tons, 99 men, 26 Guns, Bound for Cost & Bay, Viz.—*cont.*

Wine in Cask and Bottles, according to Bulk, accounting thirty-six Dozen to a Ton	Six Tons.
Water, what shall be thought fit, but not less than	Forty Tons.
Also One Case or Cask of Brandy or Strong Waters for each Seaman not exceeding	Six Gallons.

Boatswain's, Gunner's, and Carpenter's Stores as usual, that are not particularly before mentioned, Seeing them to be such.

East India House,

the 13th February 1756. G. Higginson,

By the Committee of Shipping of the Court of Directors.

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